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Man of law Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General - a story of Stones and Spies Night at the opera Covent Garden's new production of Der Rosenkavalier Freud's friend James Fenton reviews a biography of Lou Andreas Salome, friend of Freud and Nietzsche Giant-killers What chance have non-League Bognor against Third Division Reading in the FA Cup

Portfolio

The Times Portfolio compe-tition prize of £2,000 was shared by four winners yester-day. Mrs Jane Lofts of Chetnole, Dorset, Miss Helen Campbell of Mendlesham, Suffolk, Mrs Dorothy Bowen of Caversham, Reading, and Mrs Christine Robinson of Biggin Hill, Kent, each received £500.

Hijackers murder hostage

Gunmen killed a hostage on hoard a hijacked Kuwaiti ardiner, according to security guards at Tehran airport, but later released 44 women and children. The identity and nationality of the dead man were not known. The hijackers apparently threw his body from the aircraftEarlier report, page 6

TGWU appeal likely on assets

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glass fibre plant at Washington, Co Durham with the loss of 400 jobs. Two more plants at Stirling, central Scotland and Queensferry, North Wales are being sold to Pilkington Brothers Page 17



Auction query

A report in The Times on allegations of an auction ring at a West Country sale was raised in the Commons by Mr Andrew Faulds, MP for Warley East

Nato boost Nato is to spend £6.6 billion over a six-year period to improve its capability to fight a

Football worry

The EEC has ruled that footballers must have freedom of movement within the community, a decision which could have a serious effect on the English game Page 22

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Rebels force Joseph's retreat on grants

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of row's vote on the State for Education and Science, last night signalled a government retreat on plans to out student support by £39million when he told a packed meeting of more than 250 Conservative backbenchers that he would be

making a Commons statement on the issue today. But he refused to elaborate and the one-hour meeting quickly turned into one of the angriest grillings given to a minister for many years.

Out of 33 backbench speak-

ers, only three could be considered to have given Sir considered to have given Sir Keith guarded support and at one point there was a thunder-ous roar of approval, with desks and doors being banged by the massed ranks of rebels, when Mr William Banyon, MP for Milton Keynes and a member of the backbeach 1922 committee executive; said that they would be satisfied with nothing less than complete withdrawal of Sir Keith's proposals.

One MP later described the support for Mr Banyon's point as "riotous".

as "riotous".

Conservative MPs coming out of the meeting agreed that they had rarely seen a minister given such "a rough ride." One former minister said: "I can still smell blood."

Another former minister are 99 per cent against him."
One MP said: "They're baying."
Another said the meeting reminded his of the French middle-class up in arms, and yet another said: 'Keith is just sitting there silent and slightly

The meeting which was described as "the biggest since the Falklands", was also at-tended by a significant number of whips and Mr Michael Alison, the Prime Minister's parliamentary private secretary, who would undoubtedly ensure that the Treasury was made aware of the threat to tomor-

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

expenditure package.
Sir Keith himself told the meeting that his budget was finite and although he said he was personally in favour of loans to students they, too, One former minister was

cheer of support when he said that the whole strategy of find room for cuts was mistaken and had to be reviewed. But there were others who favoured an adjustment of Sir Keith's proposals; to soften the impact of the changes, while keeping some of the savings.

Certainly, Sir Keith himself told the Commons earlier, during education question time, that he was acutely conscious of the unexpected impact it would have on family finances. He told Mr Charles Morrison. another member of the 1922 committee executive: "One of the severest aspect of this whole policy is that it does defeat deeply entrenched expectations.

When Mr Andrew Mackay, MP for East Berkshire, spoke of real and sudden hardship, Sir Keith said in response to the loud, all-party cheers of sup-port. "I hear what my friend says and the support that he

The actual terms of today's statement were last night being hammered out in negotiation between Sir Keith, and the Treasury ministers who will have to open and wind up tomorrow's debate on public spending, with guidance from the whips on the extent of

The Prime Minister, who returned to London from Dublin last night, would also be constilled, possibly with a

Miners' defiance

TUC asked to back sympathy strikes

By Paul Routledge and Frances Gibb

Miners leaders are to meet confidentiality thrown over top level figures in the labour their deliberations even exmovement to discuss "moblistended to advice to the Pressing industrial action" in support not to bother telephoning the of their defiance of the High union leaders who make up the Court and the Receiver ap-pointed to run the affairs of the National Union of Minework-

After talks fasting nearly four hours last night, the TUC's seven-man liaison group set up to monitor the conduct of the week strike refused to disclose how they will respond to the NUM appeal.

NUM rift, page 2 Scargill speech, back page

Miners leaders have asked for a special meeting of the TUC general council to implement their demand for sympathetic strikes but this calm does not seem to have been met and the secrecy surrounding last night's talks indicates that union leaders are divided on how to react to the pitmen's plea.

The miners asked for industrial action to stop this most vicious threat in our history to the freedom and independence of British trade unionism" but the other unions are known to take a cooler view of the

The terse statement from the TUC last night, simply recorded the fact that the liaison group had met to review developments in the mining dispute, and would meet NUM leaders on Thursday. The blanket of

monitoring team. • The Luxembourg finance

house which is holding £4.3 million of the National Union of Mineworkers, Nobis Finanz International, agreed yesterday not to move any of the funds until the legal deadlock over the receiver's claim to it is resolved.

Mr Herbert Brewer, the receiver appointed by the High Court to take over the union's funds; spent yesterday with lawyers and then returned to ondon to prepare for Thursday's High Court hearing to

confirm his appointment. He said that yesterday's discussions had been amicable. Legal experts in Luxembourg appeard confident that Nobis would comply with his appli-cation for the transfer of the funds after Thursday's court

hearing in London. The finance house has been reluctant to hand over the money without assurances as to Mr Brewer's authority. Mr Brewer is expected to hand that money to the sequestrators who were appointed after it refused to pay its £200,000 fine for

Mr Brewer deposited a specimen signature with Nobis to avoid another visit. The money believed to be in dollar

Passenger train engulfed in flames



Firemen and rescue workers search for passengers in the wreckage of the crashed train.

Two die in tanker collision

By David Nicholson-Lord

Two people were killed and 77 injured, eight seriously, when 2 passenger train was engulfed in flames after ploughing into a freight tanker train carrying petroleum in a built-up area of Salford, Greater Manchester, yesterday.

Four hundred people were executed from their homes as more than 150 firemen from four brigades lought the blaze. The engine and from two the crash which caused a large explosion and sent a "ball of flame" across the adjacent M602.

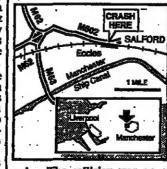
the adjacent Mouz.

Mr James Anderton, chief constable of Greater Manchester, said that if the freight train tanks, several of which ruptured, had slipped on the motorway instead of falling the

other way, the consequences could have been catastrophic.

The two who died were the driver of the passenger train, the 19.05 am from Lime Street, Liverpool, to Scarborough, and one of its 300 passengers.

Human error and possible signal or brake failure are likely to be the focus of a Department of Transport in-



quiry. The collision was on a two trains on the same track.

The crash was the second

between a freight and passen-ger train in Manchester in as many days and marks the latest in a spate of derailments and collisions which is causing British Rail serious concern. In terms of passenger deaths, 1984 is the worst year since 1967, the year of the crash at Hither Green which killed 49. In six crashes between January and October 101 people were killed in 1947.

Yesterday's crash brings to 17 the number of passengers Continued on back page, col 5 | Continued on back page, col 6 | years ago.

Papandreou demand puts damper on EEC summit

Despite an intensive security operation, Mr Andreas Papandyesterday hijacked the Euro-pean Council inside Dublin Castle and held it to ransom against payment of £1,500m of EEC money over the next six

The ten leaders had seemed on the point of reaching broad agreement on the many points which have been at issue in the EEC for years, when the Greek Prime Minister made his bid for money. It w sh tor beiping the poorer Mediterranean regions including the whole of Greece, which had been pro-posed in a plan drawn up by the commission nearly three years

In the end, a patched-up agreement was possible which allows negotiations with Spain and Portugal to continue on all demands now present the Community with an expensive and difficult negotiation among

Just as the Community was on the point of ending the argument over the British

From Ian Murray, Dublin

budget question, sorting out its wine lake and so opening the way for Spain and Portugal to join, Mr Papandreou dug in. Between now and the next summit in March, he means to hold a gun to the Community's head. Although the questions of wine, fish, fruit and vegetables

Mr Manrice Collins, aged 45. an engineer with Independent Television News, was fined Ir£50 in Dublin District Court yesterday after admitting having when checking through a heavy security screen at Dublin Castle, venue of the European Summit.

can all be negotiated, Greece will block the entry of Spain and Portugal until Mr Papandreou is satisfied with the amount of money on offer to

fronts and could make it possible for the Community to that there was no question of be enlarged by the target date of January 1986. But the Greek demands now present the demands now present the alone enlargement of the Community with an expensive Community. As the nego-tiations grew more and more bitter, he walked out.

Things had begun to go wrong during dinner the pre-vious evening, when he first He won some support from Chancellor Hulmut Kohl of West Germany, who felt the Community could at least find around £50m next year for the Mediterranean regions. But Mrs Margaret Thatcher would have none of this

generosity. There were only £30m in the budget for this, she argued.

Other than that she had every reason to feel satisfied with the way the meeting had gone. There had been a low-key settlement of the one outstanding matter on the British budget contribution, which should have put the seal on Britain's five-year campaign for a better

Since Britain is now guaranteed a two-thirds reduction in its net contribution to the Community, it will never have to pay a proportion of the budget as large as it had been required to do in the past.

Mrs Thatcher said it would have been fantastic if everything had beenn settled but now she accepted that everything depended on Mr Papend-

Letter from Dublin, back page only empty offices".

Heath fight for GLC

By Julian Haviland

Mr Edward Heath vesterday resumed his role as the Governcritic when he dismissed the Bill to abolish the Greater London Council and the six metropolitan country councils, saying there was no logic in Govern-ment policy towards local government.

Speaking in the Commons, against the second reading of the Bill, he said it was a major constitutional change without precedent, since there had been no public inquiry.

He predicted Government would be forced to have an overall London authority in place of the GLC, and advised Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, to have one ready for when the Bill was amended in the House of Lords

Mr Heath's speech was marked by contemptuous refer-ences to Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport whose earlier speech he de-scribed as pathetic.

Cheered on by delighted Labour MPs, he recalled that the commitment to abolish was nine days after the 1983 general election was called. It was against the wishes of the party policy committee, set, up the prepare for the manifesto, and without the agreement of London MPs.

Mr Heath said the Govern ment justified their case by reference to the manifesto, but this was unconvincing. A democratic government still had to justify itself to Parlia-

He accused Mr Ridley and other ministers of abusing Tory councillors who had done remarkable work as members of the councils now under sentence, and argued that the effect of the changes would be to increase the Labour Party's power in the big cities. He did not see the point of handling power to his party's adversaries.

To Labour laughter he observed: I value integrity in politics enormously, but this is carrying integrity a little too

Woman is held hostage at children's home

Police surrounded the main offices of the National Children's Home, in Highbury Park, north London, last night, (when a man believed to have a firearm was holding a woman

hostage. Officers succeeded in getting into part of the building and took over the telephone. One policeman speaking from the building told The Times: "There are no children here -

Grenada celebrates Blaize triumph

From Christopher Thomas, St George's, Grenada

Mr Herbert Blaize, aged 66, was sworn in as Prime Minister of Grenada in a brief, private ceremony at Government House last night. He was given a tumultuous welcome by hundreds of supporters when he flew in from his home on the Grebadian dependency island of Carriacou, 30 miles to the

Up on a hill above St George's, Sir Eric Gairy was in no mood for magnanimity. The former Prime Minister was furious. The election was fixed, unfair. He would challenge the result. Disappearing ink had

Party won only one of the 15 parliamentary seats contested in Monday's election, in an area of staunch traditional support just outside Grenville, the one-street

Mr Blaize travelled the ten pot-holed miles from the Point Salines international airport to St George's in a procession of hooting cars, lorries and buses. The island was alive with music. On election day the bars demonstrably were not

The new Prime Minister will government. The Cabinet will be announced in a few days, but Bishop seized power in March, 1979 is expected to open in The election result, with Mr

His Grenada United Labour Blaize's New National Party winning 14 seats, puts Grenada firmly and formally in the sphere of influence of the United States. It enhances America's influence throughout town where Sir Eric was born 62 the English-speaking Caribbean. Gairy's defeat, page 8

Deathly calm follows panic in gas-stricken city

Delhi

factory closed.

At one stage yesterday, rumours of a fresh gas leak spread panic and many accidents took place on the reads as men, women and children fled in fear to the outskirts, leaving their belongings behind them. Many were hurt in the Singh, appealed for urgent help from the neighbouring provinces. Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Carbide to pay compensation." Prime Minister, flew to Bhopal. to see the situation for himself. He was told many stories of horror which struck Bhopal

on Monday, when the lethal leak occurred, sending a cloud of poisonous gas over the city.

For example, when volun-teers broke down the doors of

The ministry says it does not believe so many deaths could have been caused by the leakage of methyl isocyanate The authorities also say that

the Union Carbide factory has been shut and cordoned off, and will not be allowed to restart production on the same site. Althoughofficials said that

546 deaths had actually been counted, the UNI said its reporters in Bhopal estimated that more than 1,200 people had died in the disaster. The agency said 345 victims

had already been buried at graveyard and a further 445 cremated in an area of the city area called Chola Vishram

Ghar.
Staff at city hospitals said they feared the death toll had already exceeded 1,000 as some died in neighbouring towns after thousands of people fled the gas cloud.

● NEW YORK: Union Carbide has closed a section of its pesticide plant in West Virginia as a precaution. The plant is very similar to the one in Shopal (Trevor Fishlock writes). While the methyl-isocyanate

production section is shut down, the company will investigate safety devices. Disaster background, page 8



From Our Correspondent

As the death toll in the stricken city of Bhopal rose past 1,000 yesterday, with many more still to be counted. thousands more were fleeing into the surrounding countryside, heedless of government assurances that the leakage of methyl isocyanate from a Union Carbide pesticide plant had been sealed, and the An eye witness account from Bhopal says that the initial panic and confusion in the city

has given way to a deathly

calm. Everywhere people can be seen carrying the dead, most of them children, to stack them

in piles outside the mortunies,

which cannot cope with the

flood of dead. Many bodies are

being buried in mass graves, and mass cremations are being

A United News of India correspondent reported: "Wailing women with babies in their arms and children clinging to their saris are moving out of Bhopal in any available means of transport." Some have fled up to 50 miles.away.

Thousands were still choking

the hospitals and special

medical posts seeking treat-ment, and the Chief Minister of

Madhya Pradish, Mr Arjan

houses in one Bhopar suburb, Jayaprakashnagar, they found hundreds of bodies and no one alive. All the residents died. A muncipal councillor said: "The army was late in arriving and the police also came too late." Mr Gandhi said the Govern-ment was considering changing the policy of siting hazardons factories in residential areas.

He told reporters that compen-

sation would be sought from

In Delhi, the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers believes that phosgene, another gas used in the production of insecticides, may have leaked.

Transport union defiant on contempt fine but to appeal over assets

union have decided to sustain their refusal to pay a £200,000 contempt of court fine, but look set to appeal against the inevitable sequestration of as-

The Transport and General Workers' Union is due to pay the fine on Monday, although it is bound by a conference decision to refuse to do so.

The union's executive, which ends a four-day meeting tomorrow, is however likely to appeal against the seizure of its £54

The likelihood is that the union's cash in hand, £3.4 million in the 1983 accounts, will be made available to courtappointed officials. Under the favoured strategy there would be no attempt to move money

exchanges

smooth path

From Richard Ford

Dublin

ing to an Anglo-Irish summit

meeting early next year are likely to begin within the next

two weeks after a meeting between the British and Irish

They had a 15-minute ex-

change at the EEC heads of government summit meeting in

Dublin Castle, and both sides

took the unusual step of

announcing the meeting soon

Gerald, recognizing the poten-tial damage to Anglo-Irish

better to announce that they

Prime Ministers.

after it took place.

would proceed

Talks between officials lead-

The appeal would be based was appointed to administer its

partly on the fact that the affairs. contempt has not been repeated since the fine was levied on November 26 and that there has been no attempt to "spirit funds

Austin Rover took the union to court for refusing to hold a strike ballot at its Cowley and fiance of the Trade Union Act, 1984. The union flouted the law by making the stoppage official. The strike later collapsed after a shopfloor revolt.

An appeal by the TGWU will be seen by the Government as further evidence that unions are being forced to come to terms with the law. On Monday the executive of the National Union

But union leaders last night drew a contrast between the miners and the transport workers because the miners' union has little income flowing in from members as most are either on strike or refusing to pay contributions.

In the 1983 accounts the TGWU reported an annual income from members' contributions of £37.7 million,

The new strategy by the TGWU is based on a gamble that the High Court would be prepared to limit seizure with-

out an apology from the union.
But when Mr Justice Hodg son fined the union, he said it had committed "one of the worst cases of disobedience of

Anglo-Irish | Auction 'ring' raised in the Commons

into allegations of an auctioning auction ring, at a West Country sale were The inquiry followed raised in the Commons yester- formal complaint from Mr Jo

parliamentary question carrying the threat of a possible police investigation. Meanwhile, Mr intention to resign from the British Antique Dealers' Associ-

Mr Faulds is to ask the Attorney General "whether he will refer to the Director of Clearly both Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Dr Garret Fitz-Public Prosecutions the circum-stances surrounding the auction of genuine bidding on joint sale of furniture from the estate account, where the piece is to be relations as a result of the controversy after the Chequers summit, decided that it was of Mrs Elizabeth Dreyfus held by Messr Bruton Knowles in Gloucester on July 19 and ask him to initiate proceedings agaisnt those dealers who have contravened the Auctions (Bid-ding Agreements) Act."

The meeting, late on Monday night, was described by a British spokesman as "very friendly" and both Prime Ministers had agreed to "continue their discussions, the subject being peace and stability in Northern Ireland and reconciliation". An Irish government spokes-**BA** unveils man, asked about relations between the two countries, said:

"I don't think they were ever off the rails, though I can see how people reacted to events after Chequers.

They decided to talk about

the meeting, because some of the fall-out after Chequers may have left doubts in some people's minds".

IRA lettering on trawler. court is told

A hand grenade rolled by the feet of an Irish police officer as he began a search of a gunrunning trawler which had a canvas sheet with the lettering "IRA" painted on it hanging over the side, the Special Comminal Court in Dublin was told yesterday (Richard Ford In the accommodation quar-

ters of the 67ft trawler. Maria Ann, was also found a bag containing a number of re-volvers and assorted ammunition. Inspector Patrick Ryan told the court. The inspector also found firearms manuals and a spiral notebook with an inventory of weapons and their

The hold of the trawler, based in Kerry, packed with kitbags, trunks and wooden boxes which contained a huge quantity of weapons and ammunition, the at Sotheby's in New York on Monday, setting a new auction price record for pottery of the Tang Dynasty (618 to 906 AD). inspector said. The haul was discovered after two boarding parties from naval vessels went on board the boat off the Kerry coast last September. Five men are on trial accused the finest Tang horses in

of possession of firearms, ammunition and explosives with intent to endanger life. th intent to endanger life.

The hearing continues today.

It comes from the collection of Ezekiel Schloss. Schloss, who

day. Mr Andrews Faulds, Labour

MP for Warley East, tabled a John Partridge confirmed his

concerning the British Antique Dealers' Association inquiry into an allegation that members

restrained

new livery

By Michael Baily Transport Editor

British Airways took off for

Its much heralded new look

the razzmatazz of the airline's

space-age televison advertise-

ment. In the words of Lord

King, the chairman, it expresses

The airline's entire fleet will

be refurbished over the next

two-years in a £42 million facelift that for many will recall

The lower hull and tailplane

will be in a rich deep blue, the

upper fuselage in soft pale grey.

tery horse, standing more than two feet high, sold for \$660,000 (unpublished estimate

\$300,000-\$400,000) or £546,584

It is a chestnut horse with a

white main and green saddle and is illustrated in many books

on Chinese ceramics as one of

existence.

the dignified days of BOAC.

a mood of "quite confidence".

privatization yesterday in a sober new suit of royal blue, pearl grey, and a brilliant flash

of Mineworkers took a more orders of this court that there conciliatory line after a receiver can ever have been"

The question takes up the report in The Times on Monday

By Our Sale Room Correspondent The Times's investigation might have taken part in an

formal complaint from Mr John Partridge of Partridge Fine Art in Bond Street, and Mr David Nickerson of Mallett's. Partridge and Mallet's are the two biggest furniture dealers in London. The inquiry exonerated its members, but was not thorough as it might have been.

The Auctions (Bidding Agreements) Act 1927 outlaws any bidding agreement by which a dealer offers another person a financial incentive to jointly owned by dealers, the Act says that the auctioneers should be informed of the agreement in writing before the

That would suggest that Partidge and Mallet's who commissioned a third dealer. Mr Maurice Turpin, to buy the walnut bookcase for them could also have contravened the Act because no letter was lodged.

Sale room

Tang horse sets record

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Corrrespendent

A magnificent Chinese pol- is a retired political cartoonist

collection

civil unrest over rate

Capping
By Hugh Clayton
Union and council leaders
gave warnings yesterday of civil
unrest if the Government persisted in "rate-capping" 16 Labour-led councils next year. Mrs Margaret Hodge, Labour leader of Islington Council in London, said there was a risk of great disruption yet again in our streets because there is enormous despair amongst the young and the blacks in those

urhan areas we represent Mr Fred Jarvis, chairman of the local government com-mittee of the Trades Union Congress, said that rate-capping would cost thousands of jobs in council workforces and in companies which depended on

councils for work. He said that if there was turnoil in the inner cities next year it would be the Govern-ment's fault. "There is no way in which what they are proposing to do is what the local people want."

He and Mr Jarvis were speaking after a closed conference at the London head-

quarters of the TUC of more than 100 representatives of 24 for councils and 40 councillors from the authorities which employ the unions members. Mr Jarvis said there was agreement between the unions and Labour councillors about the need for mon-compliance

with rate-capping laws
"The calculation is that the
Government will in the end
change tack," Mr Jarvis said.
"It did not go through with the
challenge to Liverpool city
council that it originally intended this year. What they now
face is something on a much face is something on a much bigger scale." Mrs Hodge said that her council could face "a total collapse of services" if the Government did not relent next year and the council accordingly refused to levy rates.

Diggers' find

Fragments of armour and the remains of a Roman army base thought to have been occupied by the Second (Agusta) Legion early in the first century AD have been found by amateur archaeologists excavating a site behind former council offices in the centre of Chichester.



A "laser flash" of brilliant red striping lights up the side of the aircraft, and on the fin is BA's coat of arms with its motto To

and his wife have been collect-ing Chinese tomb sculpture for about thirty years.

Their New York appartment

has eight rooms crammed from

floor to ceiling with pottery from which they had removed the creme de la creme. Of those

They made a total of £1.8 million with only 1 per cent left unsold. Each piece was rare and

exceptional but bidders were

also competing to own some-thing from the famous Schloss

Sotheby's sold 50 pieces

Fly, To Serve.
Aircraft interiors follow the

unobtrusive type.

The new design, by Landor
Associates of California, is

reputed to have cost between £2 million and £3 million, and BA will be spending some £300,000 introducing the new

Concorde is getting a separate

teachers to walk out today

Every EIS member in primary and secondary education has been advised not to work in support of a demand for an independent review of salaries working conditions. The EIS claims teachers' pay has fallen 30 per cent relative to other professional groups in the

30,000 Scots

All secondary schools in Scotland will be closed or scriously affected today when nearly 30,000 members of the Educational Institute of Scot land, the largest of the Scottish teachers' unions, strike.

A gunman, aged 20, was last night still holding hostage his former woman friend, aged 40, in her Norfolk home. A shotgun



Crisis in the coalfields

Scargill's executive rebuff

But it is regarded as most significant that Mr Scargill was

unable to carry the delegate conference for his policy of limited cooperation with the

receiver. It is understood that

meet a 6 pm Monday deadline

the union's funds held in a

was rebuffed by the delegates on

a card vote of 139 to 80.

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The dominant left-centre committee of the National Union of Mineworkers is deeply divided over its strategy of defiance of the High Court, and Mr Arthur Scargill, the union's president, suffered his first serious rebuff at the hands of his executive, it became clear yesterday.

As more details emerge of the

11 votes to six split of the executive which decided against cooperation with the receiver appointed by the High Court to manage the union's funds, it became clear that the leadership is divided over the next step in the 39-week coal strike. Some union leaders fear that

the special conference decision taken in London two days ago to deny assistance to the receiver will lead to further actions for contempt and huge fines in addition to the £200,000 already levied for defiance of orders that the strike is unofficial. The internal union conflict

cuts across traditional political boundaries, with Communists voting different ways and moderates siding with the hard grey carpets flecked in red and blue.

The giant letters "British" the industry argue that the executive is showing signs of

Four moderate members of

the executive of the National Union of Mineworkers have

sworn affidavits pledging to observe the law and unbold court orders in response to the

attempts in the High Court to make the 24 members of the executive individually respon-

sible for payment of the £200,000 contempt fine.

NUM agent for North Wales, Mr Ken Toon, secretary, south Derbyshire, Mr Jack Jones, secretary, Leicestershire; and

Mr Trevor Bell, secretary of COSA, the union's white-collar

All four men have appointed solicitors and taken advice

was thrown out of the house in

They are Mr Ted McKay,

By Craig Seton

from barristers on the defeace they intend to present and will be represented separately from

other members of the executive

when the High Court action

resumes on Friday week. The proceedings were initiated by the National Working Miners'

The defence of the four men

mpt of court. The remain-

members of the executive

will centre on their claim

that they were not pesonally responsible for the original

are receiving legal advice from a firm of London solicitors

Shotgun thrown from window in siege

on Monday evening and took Mrs Sandra Yeoman, a mother of four, hostage at her detached home in Shipham Road in the

village of Carbrooke, Norfolk.

Taylor, Mr Owen Briscoe, and Mr John Weaver (Yorkshire): Mr Trevor Bell (Cosa) and Mr Jim Dowling (Midlands craftsmen). Mr Jack Jones (Leicestershire) and Mr Ken Toon (South Derbyshire) did he personally urged the execu-tive and the conference to permit the national officials to

gued that any collaboration with the High Court or its agents would be a severe blow

Those supporting Mr Scargill on the executive were: Mr Michael McGahey, the vice-president; Mr Eric Clarke, secretary of the Scottish miners; Mr Harry Hanlon (Cumberland); Mr Abe Moffat (Scottish craftsmen); Mr Idwal Morgan (Cokemen); Mr Ted Mackay (North Wales); Mr Ray Chadburn, and Mr Henry Richardson (Nottinghamshire); Mr Ron Dunn (Durham mechanics); Mr Sid Vincent (Lancahsire) and Mr Gordon Butler (North Derbyshire). actions involving the NUM in the courts is as follows:

cansire) and Mr Gordon Bittler (North Derbyshire).

Those ooposing him were: Mr Emilyn Williams and Mr George Rees (South Wales); Mr Dennis Murphy (Northumberland); Mr Bill Stobbs (Durham); Mr Jim Colgan (Midlands) and Mr Wes Chambers NUM chiefs swear to keep law

Mr Scargill's opponents ar-Science report The weak links that may

to give the receiver authority to being back the £4.3 million of to the morale of the militants on the picket lines who are Luxembourg bank.

Mr Scargill won the backing of the executive by 11 votes to ers, the representatives from South Wales, Durham, and sustaining the strike, and their number included four left-wing-The timetable for legal

> Tomorrow: Reconvened hearing of the emergency order which appointed a receiver to control union funds; Monday: Attempts by working miners to have receivers appointed to run union finances in the Yorkshire and Derbyshire areas, Wednesday: Adjourned hearing of action brought by a moderate in the NUM's power group to prevent a striker taking the group's seat on the national executive; Friday week: Working miners seek to have the 24 members of the NUM executive held personally liable for pay-

Monday's executive meeting that the NUM's dispersed cash

assets should be brought back

to Britain to bring the miners

back into compliance with the law. Mr Bell abstained. That

motion was proposed by Mr Toon, and although it was

carried - only six voted against - it was overturned later when

delegates at a special confer-ence voted to continue defiance

In his defence, Mr McKay

will pledge to do nothing which would make the NUM liable to

a contempt of court. He will

also give an assurance to the court that he intends to act

lawfully, as he has done in the past, and will uphold any orders laid down by the court.

Her husband, David, and

14 and 18 managed to get out of the house to safety. Part of the

of the law.

defects in chromosomes are a possible cause of turning cells from a normal to a cancerous Those ideas have been search, which has found 51

previously unknown weak spots on human chromosomes. Moreover, the experiments have indicated that some people may have a predisposition to break-ing those thread-like structures within cells which contain the genes carrying the blueprint of heredity.

Yunis and Dr Lee Soreng, of the University of Minnesota, which was reported in New published in the next issue of Science. The subject of the paper is the discovery of fragile sites, or the weak spots where breaks may occur when a specific compound is added to the medium in which the tissue culture is growing.

Dr Yunis describes the weak points as constitutive fragile sites, because they appear to be present in all people and even in non-human primates.

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New Labour

looms over

Militant

By Philip Webster **Political Reporter** The Labour Party is heading

for a fierce new dispute over the Militant Tendency with de-

mands from the party's centre-right for the ruling national executive committee to take action against proven cases of

The move by the party's right

dominated appeals and me-diation committee follows the

decision of the NEC by one vote

not to uphold the recommendation of the Rhondda constitu-

ency party that one of its

members should be expelled

because of his activities in

support of tendency.

It was stated that Mr Brychan

Davies had sold the Militant

newspaper and given money to the organization.

The NEC's decision infuri-ated the Rhondda party and the appeals committee, which also

proposed Mr Davies's expulsion. At a private meeting on Monday the appeals committee decided not only to look into

Mr Davies's case again, but also to ask the NEC next week to

rethink its attitude to the whole question of Militant infiltration, so that the party's conference policy that membership of Militant is incompatible with

membership of the party is properly implemented.
The left wing last night saw
the move as an attempt by the

right to start a new and much wider inquiry into Militant's activities. Multant said: "This could lead to a much bigger witchnunt than ever before and

will again turn the party in on

unhappy with the actions taken

so far to curb Militant. They

fear there will be many more Militant MPs in the next

cause cancer

By Pearce Wright

Science Editor

Several Illnesses are associ-

ated with a break contained in

one of the chromosomes of the

body. That break can be seen when scrutinized under the

Laboratory work with tissue cultures has identified a large

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Late videos blamed

for tired children

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

until late at night, an MP told a

children fast asleep at 10.30am.

sometime. She said they were

and attending a third school

which has just ablolished

An agreement reached in court means that the boys will

be allowed to return to live with

their mother while attending

their new school, and transport

costs will be met by the council.

again. I believe caning can be

very damaging".

corporal punishment.

often up all night."

staying up until lam to watch

Miss Joan Davenport, headteacher of Woodhouse Park School, Manchester, and

a member of the NUT's

executive, replied that many children in her school watched

videos very late or had a television in their bedrooms.

many are very tired and some

come to school at 9am yawn

Mr Bill Rippon, head of Redwood Junior School, Sinfin

Derbyshire, said that there was

evidence that because of videos the behaviour of many young

children caused more concern now than it did 10 years ago.

He said: "There is some

nate watching of television and

now video recorders where they will see very violent scenes, and

She added: "By lunchtime

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Pilot's warning to use tugs ignored by commander

Commander Colin Hamilton, Captain of HMS Jupiter, said "Oh dear, I'm in trouble", as his Leander class frigate drifted broadside on and collided with London Bridge, a court martial in Portsmouth was told yester-day. He had tried to turn

without tugs. Commander Hamilton, aged 40, commanded an offshore patrol vessel, HMS Leeds Castle, during the Falklands conflict, admits negligently stranding the 2,900-tonne HMD Jupiter on London Bridge by ignoring a senior Port of London pilot's advice.

The collision caused £25,000 worth of damage to the bridge, moving a granite section of one of its two central supports about It took three weeks to repair

the ship's dented hull and Commander Hamilton, who lives in Devonport, faces penalties ranging from repri-mand to dismissal from his ship

on half pay.

The frigate, on which the Prince of Wales served as a junior officer, dropped berth from alongside the permanently moored museum, HMS Belfast, on June 13, to turn down river

Lieutenant Mark Rothwell,

Mr John Cooley, the Admir-alty-approved pilot on board, McGowan said the captain did who had performed that turn not believe the pilot was aware with 200 ships, repeatedly asked of the superior speed and Commander Hamilton to tie on manoeuverability of naval vesto two tugs, said Lieutenant sels. The hearing continues today.

Commander Jim McGowan, for

the prosecuting officer.
When Mr Cooley realised that the captain was going to turn "by eye", using the ship's power, he gave a firm warning that it would be contrary to his professional advice. Lieutenant-Commander McGowran said.

As Jupiter moved upstream Lieutenant Rothwell stood by the captain on the bridge and as he saw the Belfast fall astern said: "Sir, you are not going to leave the wheel over too late are you?"

Twice more the navigating officer said: "I think you should wheel over now ar", before the captain began to wheel to port. By that time, Lieutenant Commander McGowran said. the ship was 400 feet from London Bridge, being carried at 100 feet a minute by the tide towards its arches.

Once the captain saw that he could not complete the turn and collision was inevitable "he took speedy and correct action to minimize the damage". Lieutenant Commander McGo-Mr Cooley asked the captain

if he wanted the two tugs, Iona and Sun Swale, to pull the frigate clear. Commander before leaving the Port of Hamilton "appeared somewhat London Pool after a one-week stunned", and said "I might as stunned", and said :"I might as well say it now, I apologize". Commander Hamilton de-

Jupiter's navigating officer, said that he advised the captain to use two tugs to swing the 372ft long ship in a stretch of water 1,200ft long and 560ft wide.

Mr. John Cooley, the Address.

when they carrie on duty.

● Northampton General Hospital opened an inquiry

yesterday into a "medical mishap" that killed Linda

When she was finally admit-

ted to hospital there was a four-

hour wait before she was seen

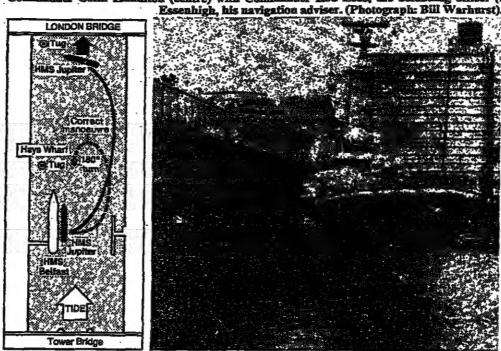
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'Oh dear, I'm in trouble,' the captain said as his frigate hit London Bridge



Collision course for HMS Jupiter (above)

per cent of contoren in man school had video recorders at home, and about a third of those had parents who were unemployed. He asked what could be done about children Mother's stand on caning reconciled

From Tim Jones, Cardiff An order placing two boys in care becrase their mother The court was told yesterday that since the care order in refused to allow them to be October the two teenage boys had been living with relatives

caned, was lifted yesterday by the crown court in Cardiff. The boys had been kept away from their school in Mid Galmorgan, for more than a year, after the youngest was caned on the hand for missing detention. The mother said that they should be allowed to attend the school 400 yards from their home, but she refused to let them be subjected to "inhuman and barbarous

treatment".

Mid Glamorgan County
Council insisted that they could
not be excluded from the normal discipline of the school and offered them a place in another near by, which does not use the cane. That offer was certainly hear violent and appressive language, causes children to imitate." Youth who killed couple given 'life'

David Carty, aged 18, was found guilty at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of the murder of two teenage sweethearts whose bodies were left in a builder's dumper truck. He was sentenced to youth custody

Robert Vaughan, aged 17, died when his throat was cut, His fiancee, Michelle Sadler, also aged 17, was sexually assaulted and then strangled with a length of wire. They were attacked at the premises in Southwark, south London. where the two youths worked.

Mr Malcolm Bishop, representing the boys, said: "They have always fully supported the action taken by their mother".

The mother, who has been supported in her fight by the Society of Teachers Opposed to Physical Punishment (STOPP) Mr Ron Vaughan, the dead boy's father, said of Carty: "I am not glad he has gone down. Physical Punishment (STOPP), He was only a seventeen-yearsaid: "It has been a long fight but I would go through it all old boy at the time"

Carty, of Peterhill House, Linsey Street, Bermondsey, had denied murdering the couple,

Doctor failed to help dying cancer patient

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

A terminally ill cancer patient alleged assault took place, suffered great distress and although both claimed not to severe pain in the hours before have noticed bruising round the his death because a hospital patient's lips and eyes, or his death because a hospital patient's lips and eyes, or doctor failed to answer a call congealed blood round her from nursing staff for at least nostrils which day staff saw three hours and the staff refused to call another doctor, the Ombudsman has found.

day, Sir Cecil Clothier, the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Health Service, said that there was "inordinate delay" in the patient receiving medical attention. "This was a failure in basic medical care and a serious failure in the service which the health authority had a duty to

Sir Cecil said that drug records appeared to have been altered, and that "while certain staff told me they could not now recall the patient, they were none the less emphatic about his condition at various times

during the night". In a separate case, a hospital inquiry had found that an elderly female patient had been assaulted but the health authority upheld a nursing auxili-ary's appeal against her dis-

missal.
She then went back to work on a ward with another nurse who had been on duty when the

Ehn village, a development of 162 homes on four acres of derelict railway land next to the

Grand Union Canal north of St

Pancras Station in London, was

given a Housing Centre Trust golden jubilee award last night by Sir George Young Under Secretary of State of Environ-

ment (Our Property Correspon-

land, the Housing Corporation and the Halifax and Nationwide

building societies provided the finance, and the developers were the United Kingdom Housing Trust.

Harland and Wolff, the state-

owned Belfast shipyard, is to build a 173,000-tonne bulk carrier for the British Steel Corporation in a £30million

Beef and lamb

Consumption of beef and

lamb in Britain has dropped by

a fifth in the past four years, according to a report published yesterday by Taylor Nelson, a marker research company.

The fall in the red mean's

popularity is attributed to cost

and concern about eating

sales fall

BSC ship for Belfast yard

Camden council provided the

dent writes).

Servicemen accuse Private Eye

Eight Servicemen charged under the Official Secrets Act yesterday asked a judge in the High Court in Loudon to jail Private Eye editor, Mr Richard Ingrams, for contempt of court.

Sir Cecil criticized staff for soldiers claimed that an article failing to report the grand- in the current issue of the mother's complaint that she magazine was "highly damaging" and "wickedly prejudical" to their trial, scheduled for had been hit, and for delays in completing an accident form and in telling the patient's April. granddaughter about tests on

Mr Dermot Wright, for seven of the Servicemen, told Lord Justice Watkins that the article contained "shocking facts."

her grandmother's injuries.

Report of the Health Service

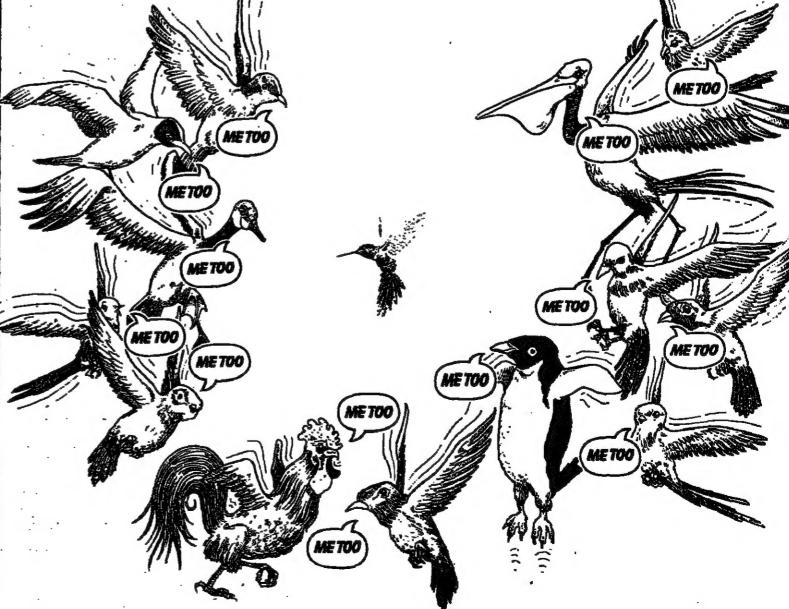
Commissioner. Selected investigations April to September, 1984.

(Stationery Office, \$9.90.) They were: that the Soviet Union had gained access to classified codes; that secret operations penetrating deep into the Soviet Union had been Shoobridge, aged 17, who died in July from a burst appendix after three family doctors had failed to diagnose her condition. rendered useless: that reports of the damage caused had stunned President 'Reagan's advisers, and that a KGB plan including homosexual blackmail

> Neither Mr Ingrams nor the magazine was represented at the

by a doctor. After surgery she was put on a life-support machine, which was switched off nine days later. The judge refused to issue an immediate Bench warrant for the editor's arrest and ad-At an inquest last week the coroner recorded a verdict of tomorrow.

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Award for Banks' computer data 'inadequately protected' village scheme By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

Bank's computer systems are system can be purchases off-theinadequately protected even shelf in any main shopping though sensitive data and large centre at the cost of only a few

though sensitive data and large sums of money are stored electronically on them, according to an expert on computer

Mr Vincent Gallo, technical director of Open Computer Security, outlines his fears in this month's issue of Banking Technology. He says: "Such is the proliferation of microcomgrowth of computer studies at an early age in our schools, that we are creating a generation with the expertise to manipulate computer systems".

"All the equipment required to tap into an unprotected

hundred pounds."

The allegations appear a week after a second breach of security on Prestel, the British Telecom information system. Home computer enthusiasts are believed to be responsible.

The main clearing banks were asked to comment on Mr Gallo's allegations. At the time of publication only National Westminster had issued a statement. It read: "We place great empahsis on the security of our systems, but for the obvious reasons we do not discuss the precautions we

Pirate Asian

films seized in Southall

deal announced yesterday.

Mr John Parker, the Belfast Police officers seized more than 100 video recorders and company's chairman and chief thousands of cassenes in an executive, said that the order would guarantee jobs in the anti-piracy raid on Indian shops, homes, and businesses in the West London suberb of company's steel working group and outfitting sections for up to Southall yesterday. (David Hewson writes).

> The Federation Against Copyright Thest (FACT), which organised the raid with the Metropolitan Police, said that several individuals were likely to face court proceedings. Mr
> Peter Duffy, a former Scotland
> Yard officer who heads FACT's
> investigation unit, said that the
> effect of piracy meant that from
> more than 100 Asian cinemas in Britain three or four years ago. there were now none.

Fears raised over tenants' repairs proposal

Council tenants given the right to carry out house repairs which are usually the local authority's responsibility could end up paying the bill, the National Consumer Council says in response to the Govern-ment's draft "right to repair" regulations (Our Property Correspondent writes).

The regulations, under the Housing and Building Control Act, 1984, would give tenants the right to have repairs, costing between £20 and £200, carried out by themselves or a builder at the local council's expense, provided the council agrees

The consumer council fears that the procedures are so complex that most tenants will not be able to understand them,

Students will still be heavily subsidized

Notwithstanding a barrage of protest from Conservative back-benchers and criticism from the Opposition, the Government's plan to increase parental contributions to student maintenance by £39 million was defended in the Commons by Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

While dismissing Labour complaints as being in the never never land of no economic constraint. Sir keith Joseph conceded to Conservative critics that one of the severest aspects of the proposal was that it defeated deeply entrenched expectations - it was a shock to many, if not all, of the households

He pointed out that any further phasing would cost money that in his opinion was needed to prevent the science research base from

ask questions when the exchanges that contributions towards students tuition fees were last required in the academic year 1976-77.

Sir William van Straubenzee (Wokingham, C) said that when the change was made by Mr Mulley, as he was in 1977, there had previously been a painstaking inquiry by the University Grants Committee and the vice chancellors, and consider-able consultation.

What is placing great strain on the loyalty of many Tory backbenchers the continued) is to discover in an essentially infancial regulation a change which in the view of many will have fundamental conse-quences to entry into higher education in future.

Sir Reith Joseph: I do not accept the use of the word "fundamental." After all, it is the Government's duty from time to time to review the balance between the taxpayers' contribution and the family-plusstudent contribution to the cost of higher education. That is what the Government has done. That does nvolve a change but not a fundamental change.

Mr Mark Carlisle (Warrington South, C) the former Secretary of State for Education and Science: In 1979 we said officially that our first priority on student grants, as money became available, would be to reduce the parental contribution

What has changed since then to bring about such an apparent dramatic change in our proposals? Sir Keith Joseph: The change in circumstances has made it right for the Government to pursue, above all, the constraint of public spending a whole. We have had to bear that constantly in mind.

Mr Gordon Wilson (Dundee East, SNP): While expressing the stroncest possible opposition to changes in grants because of the hardship it will cause, the decision to put a greater burden on parents will have repercussions on Scottish univergraduatión course. taken account of that.

Sir Keith Joseph: Whether it is a three year or a four year course, and

HOUSE OF LORDS

The Government is considering measures designed to stop abuse of

mortgage interest repayments by

striking miners Lord Glenarther, Under Secretary of State for Health

and Social Security, said during question time in the House of

Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C) had asked

why people on strike received at the

cost of the taxpayer, payment of any mortgage payments which may be

Lord Genarthur: A striker is not

contributed to supplementary benefit for his own needs but he may receive benefit for his dependants and this will include, where appropriate, an amount for mort-being used for other purposes or is he relying on hearsay evidence?

C: Many Conservative backbenchers fully support Sir Keith Joseph's action. Probably quite a few who have signed the motion against the proposals wish they had not done

House will bear in mind that taxpayers of all income levels contribute heavily indeed to the higher education of a minority whose education, it is true, will benefit society. But it also benefits Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds, South and

Morley, Laby I agree with Sir Keith Joseph's facts about 1976-77 when national investment in the country's

future. Why did Sir Keith Joseph not have a proper inquiry before putting the proposals forward? Sir Keith Joseph: MPs have not perhaps taken into account the Government's view of the urgent needs of the science research base to be given extra money. To some extent higher education can be an nvestment for the country.s his own responsibility for revealing 11 - was focussed on the desire not to deny access to those whose household circumstances might otherwise deny it. That is what the Government has studiously tried to

Mr Charles Morrison (Devizes, C) said students were a minority but they had received assistance as a matter of principle. That assistance was thought of as a matter of not have a proper inquiry before putting the proposals forward?



Morrison: There should have been inquiry

Sir Keith Joseph: MPs have not perhaps taken into account the Government's view of the urgent needs of the science research base to be given extra money. To some extent higher education can be an investment for the country. But there are more students in higher education as a proportion of the age cohort and in absolute numbers than ever before, despite what are constantly said to be discouraging

Mr Glles Radice, chief Opposition spokesman on education, said amid laughter: I wonder if I might come to his asistance? In view of the opposition so farcefully expressed in the House and outside over the last damage the vital principle of equal

resent being laxed in order to er

a person who is deliberately abstaining from work to continue to

purchase his house. That stands in sharp contrast with the fact that a

man who is working does not get

ord Genarthur: I am aware there

has been some publicity about some strikers not paying the mortgage and using the money for other purposes. We are carefully considering whether steps should be taken to

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Would you agree we must have medicines and vaccines which have

been tested for safety?

and multiple sclerosis?

the subsidy paid by the taxpayer towards the student's higher education is large.

Mr Ralph Howell (Norfolk North, C: Many Conservative backbenchers fully support Sir Keith Joseph's action. Probably quite a few who because they make students and parents pay for the scientific research that the whole country

He should immediately abandon his proposals, establish a review of support for all in further and higher education and go back to the Treasury for the extra money needed for research. Sir Keith Joseph: He still seems to

be living in the never-never land of an absence of economic constraints. The Labour Party made charges towards tuition fees for seven years before altering it.

Though he says student mainten-ance grants have fallen 14 per cent in recent years, that coincides with a record level of applications and of accepted entries to highter education. After it was revealed that 1,800

representations had been received. Mr Andrew Mackay (East Berk-shire. C) said: He must be aware from these massive representations that in many cases there will be real and sudden hardship. Would it not be more prudent to withdraw these ill-conceived proposals? (Conserva-Instead, would be announce a full

inquiry into the financing of further education including a closer look at the merits of a loan scheme? Sir Keith Joseph: I accept that the proposals are a shock to the expectations of many if not all the households affected. I cannot say

Mr Edward Taylor (Southend East, C): While he has advanced a powerful case, there is genuine complaint about the speed with which the decision was made and the suddenness of the changes that will disrupt carefully planned family

budgets.

Would be be willing to look again at the phasing of his proposals? In any review is there any place for a loans scheme? Sir Keith Joseph: I have accepted

no means ideal. But the gentle words of Mr Taylor uses hides the worus of Mr Taylor uses hides the fact that any phasing would cost money and money, which in my judgment, is needed as a national priority to prevent the science research base from suffering perhaps in some grave and serious form.

Mr May Modden (Padford Western) Mr Max Madden (Bradford West, Lab): The proposals are fundamensevere. This represents a further attack on the standard of living of many students and their parents. including those from ethnic min-

In view of the widespread concern, he will not establish a comprehensive review into the grants structure of our university

Sir Keith Joseph: Students will remain even after these proposals very heavily subsidized by the general body of taxpayers, many of whom are much less most students will be.

Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North,

Lord Harmar-Nicolls (C): The

people who do this have admitted it on television in full view of millions of viewers. There is no doubt about

Lord Glenarthur: He is right. There can be no better evidence than that,

Commons (2.30): Debate on Government's intention to sign draft agreement on future of Hong Kong, Lords (2.30): Debate on the Civil Service.

Parliament today

Sir Keith Joseph: For once I cannot say I am prepared to accept what he says. Maybe Mr Greenway will write to me and explain his

Mr James Lamond (Oldham Mr James Lamona (Catham Central and Royston, Lab) said that in hearing the attacks from many Consevative MPs, he recalled the Scottish saying - Touch my pouch and friendship ceases".

Sir Keith Josephil have to accept that the Conservative MPs have a strong case only, in my view about the shock to expectations at relatively short notice. I do not think I can offer any firm prospect



have been disrupted

in this, but I do accept it lies behind many of the complaints reaching

Dr Keith Hampson: (Leeds North West, C) said when there were charges previously they were made at a higher level, starting at £36,000. He understood they would now start at £19,000, or lower for home-based

Sir Keith Joseph: I am not sure he has got his analogy coorrect. I would like to look at it because Dr Hampson may have misled himself. Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernarfon, Pi Cr. Many of those assessed to have parental contributions do not receive them, certainly not in full, The NUS assess the number to be as nuch as 43 per cent last year of all

is there not an argument for doing away with parental contri-butions altogether so that those over Sir Keith Joseph: No government found it possible to replace that money from the taxpayer. I realize that some students, and it is certainly not 43 per cent of all students, do not receive all that they might expect, but there are record numbers of students in our universities and polytechnics and record numbers are paying.

Nir Nicholas Budgen (Wolverhampton South West, Ck Why was it not possible for him to take an apportunity, long before this decision, to both inform and persuade those likely to be affected

Sir Keith Joseph: The problem of preparing for public expenditure discussions which are inevitably in discussions which are inevitably in confidence presents difficulties. I Mr Biffen: This debate can be set in can accept that a long, as it were, "many contexts, but I doubt if most intellectual march to what the Conservatives advocating reconGovernment has decided would—sideration of the policy would

Mr Derek Fatchett (Leeds Central, Lab): Fears exist among parents and students about future funding of university and polytechnic courses. Would he give a clear commitment that it is not his intention during th

lifetime of this Government to

introduce a loan scheme for students? Sir Kelth Jospen: The Governmen has already put on record that loan schemes are not at the moment on the agenda. If the Government wished to bring them back on to the agenda, an announcement would be made and consultation would be

Mr Patrick Cormack (South Staffordshire, C): Does he remem-ber coming before the Select Committee in the last Parliament and endorsing the policy which had been advanced by Mr Mark Carlisle on parental contributions? What is the point of devoting extra resources if the students will not be able to afford to take advantage of them? Sir Keith Jospeh: I do not accept the second part of his question. It does not follow from the Government's announcement that there will be fewer applications for the science, technology and engineering places which we are deliberately increasing

He said later: I am receiving a large number of expressions of opinion from parents, directly and through MPs which I cannot help Mr Neil Hamilton (Tatton, C). Will he accept that there is no

onstrable link between the higher education and the perform ance of the economy, and argu-ments that purport to show there is are humbug? Sir Keith Joseph: I agree with every

Later, Mr John Biffen, Leader o the House, deputizing for the Prime Minister who was in Dublin, faced more questions on the issue.

Mr John Gerst (Hendon North, C) asked: Would be ensure that we may bask in further satisfaction at the direction in which the Government is leading us by a review of the direction with regard not only to student grants but also to impending taxation of VAT on books and periodicals, cuts in external services of the BBC and cuts in the British

Mr Biffen: It is one of his engaging characteristics that he has never been one to bask in satisfaction. A distinguished forebear of his sat in this house below the gangway as a member of the fourth party, and the appropriate for that.

Mr Frank Dobson (Holborn and St Pancras, Lab): Will he also suggest to the Prime Minister there is a ready saving in the education department budget if the Govern-ment will immediately cut the estimated £30 million subsidy to the assisted places scheme, (Labour cheers)

has both defied the law and his own

mion's rule book?
Will Mr Biffen make it quite clear
today that the law is indivisible? No

trade union leader nor any individual can choose which part of

the law he agrees with and which part he chooses to disregard.

Mr Biffen: I am happy to confirm his point. It would be much better if the leadership of the NUM returned

to the law and also to the negotiating

Mr Peter Pike (Burnley, Lab):

Government has landed itself in a ghastly mess - Heath

in a ghastly mess over its plans to abolish the Greater London Council and the six metropolitzn county councils, and there was no logic in its approach to local government as a whole. Mr Edward Heath, the former Conservative Prime Minister, said in the Commons when MPs resumed the second reading debate on the Local Government Bill.

Mr Heath (Old Bexley and Sideup) said the measure, which abolishes these councils, was a major constitutional change, and it was without precedent because there had not been any public inquiry as a The case against the GLC and the

metropolitan counties (he said) emains still completely unproven. Mr Heath advised Mr Patrick Jenkin (Secretary of State for the Environment) to be ready with a plan for the overall government of London to go with the rest of the Bill if the House of Lords amended

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, when he opened today's debate, predicted there wuld be substantial staff savings when borough and district councils took over highway responsibilities fol-lowing the abolition of the GLC and metropolitan counties.

The House also had before it an Opposition amendment declining to give a second reading to the Bill because of the attack on local democracy, threat to services and additional. costs to ratepayers Opposition amendment decli nherent in the proposals.

Mr Ridley said transport functions accounted for more than 40 per cent of GLC and metropolitan county expenditure. Under the Bill roads and traffic management would be transferred to the boroughs and districts which were in many cases

doing much of the work aleady.

I do not believe (he said) that great city councils like Birmingham, Manchester, Newcastle, Leeds, Liverpool and Sheffield, whatever the eccentricities of their political masters, cannot manage their own roads and traffic in sensible cooperation with neighbouring districts.

In some cases the districts might need to recruit a limited number of specialist county council staff, But many boroughs and districts had made it clear to the Government that they would not need anything like the numbers - nearly 9,000 in total - currently employed by the GLC and metropolitan county councils on road and highways

I confidently predict (he said) substantial savings in this area.

Financial arrangements would be made to ensure the boroughs and districts had the resources to handle the management of roads and traffic effectively. The Bill provided for them to receive the support through block grants and transport supplementary grants previously avail-able to the upper tier authorities, in London he proposed to take direct responsibility for about 7 per cent of the GLC's roads - 65 out of Many people were beginning to carrying integrity just a fittle too far.

895 miles. The remaining 830 miles understand the extent of the damage. (Renewed laughter)....

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

would go to the boroughs, although the Ridley was going to do. He on 300 miles of major strategic should have thought of that before introducing the allowed himself to be involved in this appalling bit of legislation. If he measures which would seriously affect through traffic.

The GLC had done virtually nothing about London's roads and the problems sorely needed tackling. It had in recent years seen its strategic responsibilities in terms of spending money on political campaigns suggesting the Government intended to carpet London with motorways.

The passenger transport authorities would have the power to provide for concessionary fares for the elderly and disabled so that there was no reason why present hat was what local people wanted. Districts would have powers to provide for concessionary fares if

There is no threat in this or forthcoming legislation to con-cessionary fares (he said).

Money which would have gone support public transport a concessionary fares through transport supplementary grant would be paid instead, through block grant. Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, chief Opposition spokesman on transport said that the Government had created grave problems by removing the strategic transport authority. That was why Mr Ridley had openly admirted that one essential would councils to make up for that



Heath: Be ready with plan for London

Wherever councils could not agree, the people who had brought about the enormous muddle would be those who would take the final

The Government's consultation document on concessionary fares made plain that in a de-regulated and privatized environment the travel card approach to concessionary fares would be much too complex to operate because there would be far too many companies It was important to make sure

that all the old age pensioners who at present relied on their bus passes and everybody needing public transport to do their shopping, take their children to school and to get to work understood just how indiffertrue needs.

doing he should apologize and agree to remove all of this from the Bill.

The Bill was not about improving local transport or lowering the rates.
It was about the power of the Secretary of State to impose on domocratically elected councils his

own despotic arrogant views.

The Bill was about vindictiveness. People would find that basic decisions were being taken not by those they had voted for but by those arbitrarily appointed by the Secretary of State.

The Bill would mean unhappiness for the old, lack of transport for the disabled, and arrogant insensitivity to the transport needs of the metropolitan counties.

Air Heath said many Conservative or the idiotic remarks of Mr Ken Livingstone, but with the good government of London. There was

deep enziety.

Junior ministers in the Department of the Environment had stood on their heads over this Bill. But Mr Jenkin said "It does not matter if I am standing on my feet or my head; it makes no difference." This made it embarrassing for somebody trying to be helpful. (Laughter)

If the case for abolition was proven, why was the Government not abolishing the county shires too? Some of these were larger, had greater populations and were more greater from people than the authorities being abolished. The case for abolition was not proven.

The Government talked about the case being justified because abolition was in the manifesto. It was put in nine days after the election was called, against the wishes of the party policy committee, and without the agreement of London MPs. The consequences were now there for all to see.

On his suggestion for an overall severnment of London, he said a London committee was not to the point it would not be democratigovernments for their own purpos-s. An overall, elected body was needed for London and for the metropolitan counties.

There was only one purpose and that was that the Government could have more and more power over local authorities and deny them the money which their local constitu-ents wanted them to have in order to carry out services. That was more damaging than anything else. He had tried not to inte

party politics into this, but the Government should look at what was going to happen to political influence in London. The London Borough's Association was going to be Labour controlled. In Manchester the city council was going to be more accessed than the Government of the Manchester the city council was going to be more extreme than the Greater Manchester Council.

As a Conservative (he said) I do not see the point of this. (Laughter). Of course I value integrity in politics

Government not to interfere with ILEA

ILEA was required to consult the inner London boroughs, Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, assured the

ommons late on Monday.

He was speaking at the end of the first day of the second reading debate on the Local Government Bill which abolishes the Greater London Council and the six netropolitan county councils.

Mr Giles Radice, chief Opposition spokesman on education (Durham spokesman on education (Durham North. Lab), said the Secretary of State had misled Londoners, the House and the country. He must explain why he had broken his promise that apart from rate-capping iLEA would be free to decide its priorities and allocate its resources.

There was no possibility of The Secretary of State promised government interference in the an autonomous, directly-elected objectives of the new Inner London authority for Inner London education Authority but simply a cation. The authority which would power to define on what objectives be set up by this Bill would be unprecedented in the history of local

Sir Keith Joseph said there had been a constant chorus from the Opposition that the Bill was in some Opposition that the Bill was in some way undemocratic. Either they had to go for boards appointed by ministers, which the Government had in practically every case avoided, or for indirect election, which was certainly not undemocratic.

The Opposition seemed to think that this was also a centralizing Bill. It was an absurd fabrication and distortion of the truth. This was a decentralizing and democratic Bill. To talk of some power being In order to guide ILEA and the

London boroughs on what objec-tives needed to be consulted about the Bill provided that the Govern-ment might define what was an objective on which consultation was a duty. He hoped the Opposition was a duty. He hoped the Opposition would drop altogether the suggestion that there was an intent to interfere with the objectives of the

ILEA was extravagant it was spending per pupil 29 per cent more than Manchester. 30 per cent more than Newcastle. 31 per cent more than Sheffield. 54 per cent more than Bradford and 59 per cent more than Birmingham. Those cities had much the same problems as ILEA.

retained by the Government to There was plenty of scope for ILEA interfere in ILEA's objectives was Bypass route through national park

DARTMOOR

By accepting the invasion of the Dartmoor National Park as the preferred route for the four-and-a-half mile Okehampton bypass, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, had succumbed to the pressure of farmers and landowners who objected to the original proposal to take the road through agricultural land to the north of the town. Lord Foot [L], said in proposing a motion in the House of Lords on Monday night to annul for two compulsors purphers.

By taking the matter before a joint select committee, those opposed to the route, which had been agreed following a 96-day public inquiry, wanted the answers

to a few simple questions, he said. They wanted to know what the select committee thought was the meaning of the effect of the National Parks Act 1949 and whether the committee thought the invasion of the National Park was in direct contradiction. direct contradiction with the

If the select committee thought there was a conflict between the proposed road and the purpose for which National Parks were established, they wanted the committee so to declare.

Lord Brahamar of Tara, a Govern-ment spokesman, said it was no part of the Government's argument that where there were already intrusions into the national park one more On behalf of the Government he

rejected that sugestion categorically, but it was important to remember that landscape of high value did not exist only within the national park. The Secretary of State appreciated the sincerity of the Dartmoor Preservation Association and acknowledged their deeply held view that this road should not go through any part of the national park; but the petitioners did not have to carry.

any part of the national park; but the pelitioners did not have to carry, responsibility for where else the road might go.

The chosen route of the bypass, was supported by the local parish councils and the district council of the area concerned. They represented the people who lived there Lord Foot said that having achieved his objective of having the matter debated on the floor of the House before it weire before the select committee, he would withdraw his motion.

EEC food surplus: 3

British lead the field for efficiency

In the final article of this series, JOHN YOUNG, Agriculture Correspondent, examines British and EEC food surpluses in an international context, and difficulties raised by the accession of Spain and Portugal.

lar, is that it is a device for milking British taxpayers to support peasant farmers. But expenditure is considerably less outrageous than portrayed and The Community's statistics tobacco and olive oil still account for only one fifth of British farming industry. It has nearly 20 per cent of the farmed

The widely held British view of the EEC, and the Common

Agricultural Policy in particu-

area in the EEC but 5 per cent Roughly the same area of farmland in Italy is divided into nearly half the holdings in the

Community, and account for nearly a third of farm employ-

ment Greece has nearly twice as many people working half as much farmland as in Britain.

of northern Europe have reaped the lion's share of the benefits. Grain, dairy produce and meat have received far greater support than the produce of southern Europe and although the balance is gradually chang-

Much more important despite all the fine words about of the holdings and just over 7 restructuring the peasant econ-per cent of the workforce on the omies of southern Europe, 96 per cent of farm expenditure goes on market support, in the form of intervention and export A niggardly 4 per cent is

given over to the modernization

Greece, the Alps, Ireland and

the Messagiorno.

unviable smallholdings in

tain the wine lake, threatening But that shows that farmers 10 become a bigger problem than the butter mountain. The idea is the growers should be paid no more than a nominal price for the millions of gallons of unsaleable wine which has to be converted into unwanted industrial alcohol.

Portugal, two agricultural economies whose problems make those of Greece and the west of Ireland seem pinpricks. If northern European countries are worried about the cost

vegetable and olive oil pro-duction, and of accommodating a Spanish fishing fleet equal to that of the whole of the rest of

British fruit and vegetable growers have good reason to fear enlargement. Tomatoes grown in expensively-heated glasshouses in Sussex and Hampshire can hardly compete with those produced in Canary islands' sunshine,

some credit, is that expenditure must be contained and that while there are strong strategic, balance of payments and social reasons for supporting domestic agriculture. Europe has a surplus of productive land. More attention should be paid

Ask people in Brussels why they emphasize the need for structural reform, and the answer is that, only when farming has become efficient in its own right, can support be progressively withdrawn and the market allowed to take

Computer claims for pensioners

A microcomputer is unearthing some of the £100 million that pensioners fail to claim in social security benefits, the Greater London Council said yesterday (Our Local Government Correspondent writes). A pilot scheme in north London showed that up to £20 a

week was not claimed. The 208K hand-held computer was offered yesterdsay to London councils. Programmes written by the GLC will enable council workers to establish

entitlements of claimants. The battery-powered Husky Hunter is small enough to be carried and used in a claimant's home. Given details such as the age, living conditions and health of claimants, in 10 minutes the machine shows the benefit due.

The council has spent about £360,000 on more than 300 machines, which will be avail-able for use free of charge by borough councils and voluntary

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Biffen: Strike might Abuse of benefits for mortgages gage interest but not capital Lord Glenarthur. There certainly is repayments. Lord Boyd-Carpenter: Many will sort of thing is going on. A rough end in farce miners will be getting such and their membership? Is that not hypocritical coming from a man who payments with an average amount of £15 and some is going the wrong **COAL DISPUTE**

The miners' strike and the financing of it was so redolent of tragedy that it might yet end in farce. Mr John Biffea, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Commons, said when answering questions for the Prime Minister who is attending the Dobbin summit.

Dubin summit.

Mr Geoffrey Dickens (Littleborough and Saddleworth, C) had asked: Has he heard the strong report that NUM money is being held by left wing trade union headquarters in London and, daily, couriers can be seen leaving those headquarters with suitcases stuffed with bank notes and heading for the Sheffield. notes and heading for the Sheffield headquarters of the miners' mion? What is the Government and the Treasury going to do to investigate the taxation implications of this exercise and the title to that money?

Ar Biffen said he had no knowledge

Mir Timothy Eggar (Enfield North, Ch: Has he noticed that Mir Scargill yesterday urged the trade union long disp

He asked Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House, to confirm his arithmetic and added: Is this not the equivalent of the Government playing bingo with other people's money?

holders.

The fact there has been such an impact upon the price in the early dealings is not unconnected with the relatively small market in shares because of the loyalty of the share holders.

Mr Peter Pike (Burnley, Lab): Accepting the Government's responsibility for the long, on-going coal dispute, will the Government accept responsibility for the additional cost to the Central Electricity Generating Board of generating electricity from oll during the dispute and ensure that burden is not passed on to either industrial or domestic consumers?

Two million people had had a pre-Christmas bonanza on British Telecom shares but 17 million dispirited comment he made about

Mr Biffen: I do not for one moment endorse his premise that the Government is responsible for this

Bonanza for some

Telescom shares but 17 million dispirited comment he made about people had each lost about £100 the success of the BT sale, as a result of which we have had a massive leader of the Liberal Party, said in the Commons.

support helps explain why Italy is bitterly resisting Commission proposals to introduce a

guarantee threshold" to con-

Still more does it explain the trepidation attending the pro-posed extension of the Com-munity to include Spain and

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Claims by pit police for injuries could top £1.5m

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

sniffing glue and getting in-volved in a fight. His appli-

in another glue sniffing case a girl was victim of "a series of

resistance was minimal. She was awarded £750 compen-

youths involved had been glue

sniffing
During the year there were
three bomb incidents as a result

of which applications have been received: Woolwich, December

was attacked while celebrating his 50th birthday at a working men's club. He had a broken

jaw and serious bruising to his

head, chest, abdomen and legs.

His legs had to be amputated

above the knee. He is disabled

and being looked after by his

per cent up on the previous

Criminal injuries compen-

from civilians.

cations was rejected.

Compensation to police in- 18 suffered head injuries after jured during the miners' dispute could total more than £1.5 million if all apply, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board said yesterday. More than 1,200 officers have been hurt during the strike and the board is expecting an increase in applications from injured

During the year ending March 31, 1,017 awards were made to officers injured on duty, compared with 1,494 in 1982-83.

The board disclosed in its annual report an award made to a child and its mother as a result of injury to them before it The mother, a nursing sister,

was punched in the stomach by a mental patient who she was accompanying in hospital grounds while she was pregnant. Preliminary medical reports showed a possible link between the blow and contriction rings on the baby's arm.

After inquiries with hospitals and specialists it was concluded "that the child's abnormality is attributable to a crime of violence in respect of which he entitled to compensation". Interim awards of £1,000 were made to the mother and to the

There has been an increase in cases involving glue sniffing which has joined drink as a significant factor in triggering violence which often leads to a

In one case an applicant aged 9399 (Stationery Office, £4.50). rescribing it.

Doctors to oppose **NHS** drug curbs

By Nicholas Timmins The Royal College of General Practitioners is to oppose the Government's plan to impose a limited list of drugs on the National Health Service.

The college, which in the past has often supported Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Health, for example over his proposals to tighten up on doctors' use of deputizing services, believed that the move would mean "a second-class acts", but was so stupefied her NHS service for patients who could not afford to pay", Dr Bill Styles, secretary of the college, sation reduced from £1,000

Under the Government's proposals, patients would be limited to certain non-branded preparations for home cures, pain relief, tranquillizers and sedation. Those wanting other products would have to pay for private prescription.

10, 1983, four from soldiers; Harrods, December 17, 1983, 36 from civilians; Berkeley Square, March 10, 1984, 10 "We are not certain that the general public realizes just how much the NHS is going to be undermined by this", Dr Styles The highest award by the board during the year was £123,250 paid to a man who

Doctors would be limited to prescribing aspirin and parace-tarnol for mild to moderate pain. People with early stages of cancer pain would be faced with either aspirin or powerful opiate drugs, with midd painkillers excluded.

Dr Styles said that family Altogether the board paid out doctors were not opposed to a record £32,821,000 during the locally agreed limited lists financial year, which was 11.5. operated. But those had much year. A total of 31,939 applimore flexibility than cations were received, an increase of 8.5 per cent over Government's proposals, cause if a doctor felt that a patient needed a particular drug Criminal injuries compen-sation Board 20th Report Cmd leagues and made a case for

Early yesterday two holiday prosecuted under the Marine Broadcasting Offences Act, but

even next year from pan-European advertising sales paid for by multinational compan Mr Moss said that the station would not be carrying more than six minutes' advertising an hour, broken up into one minute sections. The station had a proven audience reach covering all of Britain except the north of Scotland,

Ulster, and the Border region.

It was also received in Norway,

Laser believes that it will break

Sweden, Belgium, Holland, and along the French coast. He added: "Since we have a low chat format, language becomes a low consideration for universally popular, whether it is in Japan or France. If the advertisers who have promised to come on board do so, we could be in a break-even situation rather swiftly and making money by the end of next year."

Pop pirates claim 5m audience By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

Britain's newest pirate radio station, Laser 558, claimed a national audience of nearly five million last night, and pre-dicted that its North Sea pop music service would be making

money next year. But Laser's American sales office, based in New York, refused to disclose the identities of the US backers who bave put up £1.5 million to fund the station through a Panama-

mian company.

Mr Roy Lindan, president of
Music Media International, which sells advertising on behalf of the station, based in a converted cargo ship about 20 miles off the Essex coast, said yesterday: "There are rumours that we are backed by the CIA. the IRA, or some weird religious cult. None of it is troe, Laser's backers are just ordinary investors."

Mr Lindan's claims were based on an independent audience survey of 2,000 listeners carried out by the

of light entertainment on BBC radio at Christmas, together with current popular comedy series such as The Grumble-

weeds, the BBC announced

field, will feature in a repeat of

Take It from Here. Other old

series being repeated are Round

the Horne with Kenneth Horne

London company Media Re-search and Information Bu-

Mr Lake Crampton, director of the research company, said last night that he was surprised by the new pirate station's popularity which can be heard most parts of the country. Laser broadcasts 18 hours

day from its ship, the MV Communicator, most of it nonpop. The station boasts that music is never more than a minute away, and broadcasts little in the way of chat, news, and until recently, advertise ments. It went on air in May and deliberately carried no commercials until October, according to Mr John Moss, its now include US travel agencies, Rolling Stone magazine, the newspaper USA Today, and the film companies MGM and United Artists. A 30-second commercial costs \$150 (£125). Any British-based company using the station could be

The Goons and Glums return for Christmas The Goons and The Glums edition, and the first series of damages

Galaxy, going out each day during Christmas week. BBC radio is aiming to bring back the old favourites and give a new generation the chance to hear some vintage comedy.

yesterday.
The Goons, favourites of the Prince of Wales, can be heard again on Boxing Day in the International Christmas Pudding, a festive edition first broadcast in 1955. Bob Monkhouse will be returning to the BBC Playhouse Theatre in Manchester, where he made one of the first broadcasts 33 years ago for a show on Christmas Eve. Christmas with The Glums, played by Jimmy Edwards, Dick Bentley and June Whit-

Other highlights include Frank Muir and Denis Norden with special editions of My Music, and Ray Allen as host on The Impressionists with Peter Goodwright, Johnny More and and his team in a Christmas other impersonators.



New Mercedes equipped to use lead-free petrol

By Clifford Webb Motoring Correspondent

with anti-pollution equipment that uses lead-free petrol. The decision puts the company at least three years ahead of proposed Common Market regulations that will require the

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British, French, and Italian car manufacturers see this as another West German concession to the Save Our Forests campaign organized by the country's Green Party despite the apparent lack of evidence identifying car exhaust emission as the cause of acid rain.

These companies do not want to be forced into fitting developed expensive catalytic converters mixture and similar to those in use in the US when it is thought that further research could lead to cheaper

and more reliable alternatives. However, Mercedes sees the replacement of its big selling two to three litre mid-range saloons as the ideal opportunity to make the change. Code named W124, the new range

comprises seven models, The 2.2 litre 230E will be

Mercedes Benz's latest car available with the option of a will go on sale next spring fitted catalytic converter when it goes on sale in Europe next spring and the entire range will be converted during 1985. For the time being motorists

will be able to choose between car equipped with the converters or one that can be converted at a later date.

Mercedes is putting pressure on the oil industry to step up production of premium grade lead-free petrol for its high compression engine. In meantime the new models will be capable of running on either premium or regular lead-free petrol with the aid of newly developed multi-functional mixture and ignition control.

The West German Government is trying to encourage the change with tax concessions of up to £850 to motorists who

buy catalytic equipped cars.

The new mid-series Mercedes will not be on sale in Britain until next October. They are more wedge shaped, lighter, faster, and offer up to 25 per cent better fuel economy than existing models.

Man wins £160,200

Mr Richard Chalcraft who was left with permanent and irreversible brain damage after an accident during a hip replacement operation was awarded £160,200 damages in the High Court yesterday.

He went to Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, in March 1980, but during the operation he was accidentally starved of oxygen and suffered the brain

Mr Chalcraft, aged 47, of Godalming, Surrey, has two children. Damages against the Surrey South West Health Authority, which denied

Two accused of **London murders**

liability.

A second man has been accused of the London murders of two men in 1982. William Ross will appear before Bow Street magistrates court with a former member of the Foreign Legion today, when both will face committal proceedings.

Ross, who was served with summonses 5 weeks ago, was due to appear in court yesterday accused of the murders of Mi Angus Cochrane, a Doncaster coal board solicitor, and Mi Greville Hallam, a theatrical agent, but his solicitor agreed to a remand in custody until today.

Sellafield case set

British Nuclear Fuels will be prosecuted for alleged offences under the Radioactive Substances Act, 1960 and the Nuclear Installation Act, 1965 at Carlisle Crown Court on June

The case comes after the radioactive contamination of a 30-mile stretch of beach beside the Sellafield reprocessing plant io west Cumbria a year ago.

Rescue service

An insurance company is launching a vehicle assistance service which it claims will provide a challenge to the AA and RAC.

Avon insurance, which plans to begin Avon RoadRescue in the new year, will initially offer it to Avon motoring policy

Revolt in New Caledonia

Special envoy begins crisis talks

Noumea, New Caledonia

M Edgard Pisani, the special envoy appointed by the French Government, who has been given two months to bring cace to the territory of New Caledonia, arrived in the South Pacific island from Paris yesterday and immediately began talks with local elected leaders.

M Pisani, the outgoing EEC Commissioner for development aid policy gave no indication of how he would set about his task, pleading a newcomer's ignor-ance of the situation in France's most far-flung colonial outpost. M Yves Magnier, vice-presi-

dent of New Caledonia's re-cently-elected Territorial assembly, who had talks with M Pisani within hours of his arrival, told The Times afterwards that M Pisani had agreed that his first priority was to restore law and order, before he would consider negotiating with the Kanak separatist move-

M Jean-Marie Tjibaou, who has proclaimed himself president of a provisional govern-ment, has said he is willing to negotiate with M Pisani, but the legal government of the territory is resisting his partici-

M Dick Ukeiwe, president of the New Caledonia assembly, whose pro-French Rassemble-République is associated with M Jacques Chirac's Gaullists, is expected back on the island today after talks in Paris with M Laurent Fabius, the French Prime Minister.

The Kanak separatists, who claim to represent the indigen-ous Melanesians, who have been outnumbered by French settlers and other immigrants. are still manning road-blocks in rural parts of the island. Antiindependence French settlers have retaliated by setting up several blocks of their own.

homes were set on fire, but no one was hurt. Since the troubles began, two local people bave been killed, and at least a dozen have been wounded, including



Law of the gun: Kanak separatists guarding the entrance of Thio village northern New Caledonia.

M Magnier said 17 members of the Kanak Socialist National Liberation group had recently visited Libya for terrorist

He also said that the 1,400 French gendarmes on the island, including 350 members of the elite anti-terrorist squad, over the extraordinarily diffi-were being restrained from full-

scale action to put down the revolt on the express orders of the Government in Paris, which, he claimed, would be quite happy to see New Caledonia cut adrift from

metropolitan France. PARIS: M Fabius called yesterday for a "political truce

nounced that he had decided to take the matter directly into his own hands. (Diana Geddes writes).

Speaking at the opening of a full National Assembly debate on New Caledonia, he insisted that there could be no lasting solution unless the rights of both the main communities. Kanaks and whites of French origin, were respected.

That comment was designed to allay the fears of some opposition members who suspected that the Government might give in to the Kanak separatists' demands for a referendum on the sole issue of independence, in which the vote would be restricted to Kanaks and those whites who had at least one parent born in

"One cannot act as some would wish, as if the separatists did not exist," M Fabius said. But neither can one act as if the Europeans did not exist. It is through those contradictory difficulties that a path to selfdetermination must be found." The Prime Minister confirmed that the referendum

would be significantly advanced from 1989, the date originally proposed, but he did not give a M Lionel Jospin, first sec-retary of the Socialist Party and Deputy for the cightcenth arrondissement in Paris, called

or two separate votes to be held in the referendum on self-determination - one for the Kanaks. who represent just over 40 per cent of the community, and one for the whites, who represent 37 per cent.

He made no mention of the rest of the population, which consists of people originating from Asia and Oceania.

In the event of a contradictory result from the two ballots (which is more than likely, most of the Kanaks wanting total independence, and most of the whites wanting to remain part centre-left faction, who was of France), it should be the French Parliament of the election as party leader, has French people as a whole who criticized both the length of the should take the final decision. M Jospin said.

Hawke style bears brunt of surprise poll failure

From Tony Duboudin

Last weekend's federal elecion proved that Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minster of Australia, was fallible and could not, as many believed, walk on

The Hawke style, a week ago called charisma, is now being described as arrogance by many commentators and his detract tors within the Labour Party who have emerged since the disappointing result for the Government.

Mr Hawke now faces the prospect of a resurgent left wing which will point to the poll losses as proof that the party has drifted away from its base and should have maintained its anti-uramum and anti-nuclear stance. Similarly, the right wing will be urging a move further to

the right.

To compound the Prime Minister's problems, Mr Bill Hayden, the Foreign Minister and the man Mr Hawke displaced as party leader, is again showing signs of am-bition, and a distinctly mis-chievous inclination. It is clear that Mr Hayden, while appearing to be a loval Hawke supporter, has not forgotten the way he was treated when the party threw him aside in favour of a dose of Hawke charisma

The centre-left faction, which Mr Hayden leads, met in Melbourne yesterday and made clear that he would not stand as deputy leader against Mr Lionel Bowen, a suggestion earlier not discouraged by the Foreign

Mr Hawke said yesterday he would "certainly" back Mr Bowen for the deputy post effectively ruling out Mr Hay-

Senator John Button, leader of the Senate, a key figure in the instrumental in Mr Hawke's campaign and its style. Australian outlook, page 8

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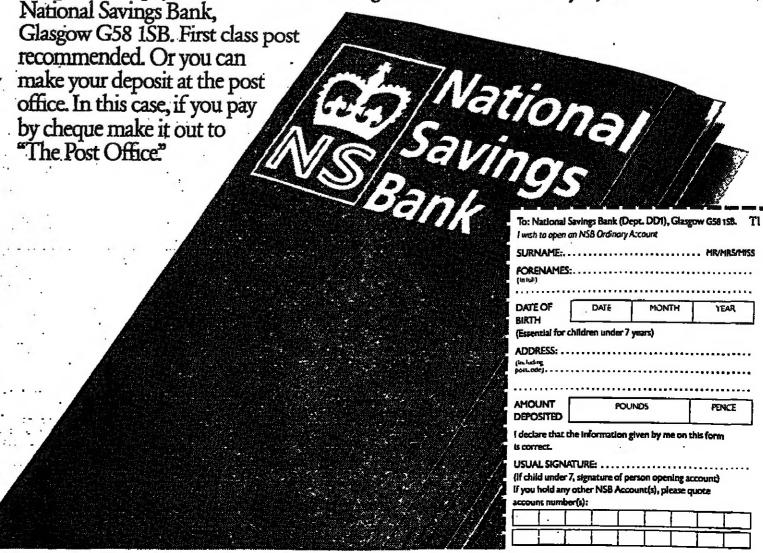
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Hard line in Brussels: softer talk in Moscow

Nato to spend billions on boosting capability of fighting a prolonged war

Nato defence ministers agreed yesterday a multi-billion pound increase in its spending which American forces in West to reduce nuclear arms. pound increase in its spending on ammunition, airfields and other facilities to improve its ability to fight a prolonged war. A meeting of Nato's Defence Planning Committee in Brussels adopted a programme to spend \$7.8 billion (£6.6 billion) over a six-year period on modernizing communication systems, pipe-lines, airfields and other instal-

In addition ministers agreed that they would make a determined effort to build up stocks of ammunition and other war fighting supplies. The object is to get as close as possible to the target of holding 30 days of war fighting stocks. That was first set 30 years ago, but never yet achieved.

Mr Richard Perle, a US Assistant Secretary for Defence, said that of 16 meetings of Nato defence ministers which he had attended, yesterday's was one of the most satisfying and successful. The infrastructure spending programme was more than twice as large as that for the

previous six years.

The ministers' decision has to be seen largely as a direct response to American criticisms that European members were not contributing sufficiently to

In particular, there is concern in Europe at the actions of

Moscow (Reuter/AP) - President Konstantin Chernenko of

the Soviet Union told the US

industrialist, Mr Armand Hammer yesterday that he would agree to an early summit

with President Reagan provided

the US met certain conditions.

The 86-year-old oil tycoon, who maintains close contacts

with Soviet leaders, told a news

conference that he sought Mr

Chernenko's views on a summit at a meeting in the Kremlin. He also quoted Mr Chernenko as

one's sleeves and get down to

Hammer to Moscow to discuss

US-Soviet relations at a time of

renewed dialogue between the

Mr Hammer said he asked

the Soviet President if he would

agree to an early summit if Mr Reagan accepted a Soviet plan

for a treaty banning first use of

meeting in January between the

US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, and the Soviet

Gromyko was a success. "His

answer was yes", Mr Hammer

should match the Soviet Union's pledge not to be the

first to use nuclear weapons "so

we'll all be able to sleep easy".

Mr Hammer said the US

The industrialist emphasized

that he had no mandate from

Washington and was represent-ing only his own views.

Nations in a culmination of what Britain one of the

continent's leading aid builders.

has described as the most important debate during the

present session of the General

Sir John Thomson, predicted that the document, which outlines guidelines for large

emergency relief aid and longer term remedies, would become a

milestone in African relations

with the Western world and the UNs ability to depart from

abstract platitudes towards a

Soviet Union in relation to

Africa. Despite Moscow's prod-

dings that colonialism should be blamed for the continent's

Top journalist

released

in Nigeria

By Kenneth Mackenzie

The editor of a leading

Nigerian newspaper, The National Concord, has been released after being detained for 14 days for questioning about

an article that criticized the Minister of Information.

An official statement said

that the editor, Mr Duro Onabule, had been a "guest" at

the headquarters of the Nigerian

Security Organization in Lagos

Mr Onabule had suggested

that the Minister, Group Cap-tain Emeka Omeruah, was

obsessed with an anti-press

prejudice.

tragedy the Soviet Union was tural diversification.

more practical approach The concensus reached in the assembly confirmed the growing political isolation of the

The British representatives,

Munister, Mr An

weapons and if a

Mr Chernenko invited Mr

business" on arms control.

SUDCTDOWERS.

Europe would have been progressively reduced unless Europe improved its efforts. Having failed this year, there are fears tht Senator Nunn may try again next year.

European desence minsters, who met earlier in the day under the chairmanship of Mr Michael Heseltine, the British Secretary of State for Defence, pointed out that next year the 140 pieces of artillery. Mr Heseltine said the Euro-

pean contribution to the there were things which could be done in Europe which should tor Nunn had played a role in focusing attention on those

European war. That will include communique said. the construction of several hundred aircraft hangars spe-

• EAST BERLIN: The War-

Chernenko's message to Reagan

Mr Hammer in Moscow: In

close contact.

a step towards mutual trust, but

the US and its allies have not

talks in the Kremlin 63 years ago when he met Lenin, made

public a statement given to him

by President Chernenko, repeat-

ing the Soviet view that it was

up to Mr Reagan to put his conciliatory language into

observe the commitments we

take upon ourselves and we

United States would also be a

reliable partner . . ." Mr

premise that we suggested to President Reagan that our two countries should start new

negotiations on the entire

complex of questions of neclear

The document recognizes

that African countries bear the

primary responsibility for ad-dressing not only the present crisis but also for undertaking

the painful adjustments needed

correct past failures and

It says that in order to

alleviate the economic crisis,

Africans must move away from

the more centralized economic models to systems which lear

more towards acceptance of the basic tenets of Western capital-

It sets as a goal the early

attainment of national and collective self reliance in food

production and emphasizes the

importance of agricultural in-

centives for farmers, improve-ment of storage and transport, a

better balance between agricul-tural export commodities and food production and agricul-

Polish prosecutors have completed their investigation

into a group of disgruntled

secret policemen accused of

murdering the outspoken Soli-darity priest, Father Jerzy Popieluszko, the Government's spokesman, Mr Jerzy Urban,

told reporters yesterday. The Indictment will be presented to

court within the next formight,

but a date for the trial has not

Three policemen, led by

Captain Grzegorz Piotrowski of

kidnapping and killing of Father

Popieluszko, but also with an

"It was proceeding from this

Chernenko said.

Mr Reagan has offered to and space armaments.
meet President Chernenko but "The President has agreed

the Soviet leader said last but an the future will show

month the time was not right. whether the US, contrary to its

Moscow has urged Washington previous actions, would take a to agree to the nuclear treaty as realistic position . . ."

UN makes an African

aid breakthrough

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

A declaration drawing up a left out of the negotiating blueprint of change for Africa process on the text. has been adopted by the United The document recognizes

"Once we agree, we strictly

Mr Hammer, who first held

cepted the proposal.

but said such talks should have clearly defined goals (Reuter reports).

A communique issued by the official ADN news agency after a meeting of the seven Warsaw Pact foreign ministers in East Berlin said the "chance of a change for the better in the international situation now exists".

It added: "What is needed is European nations in Nato a change to a policy of realism would bring into service 280, and businesslike co-operation in combat aircraft and 740 main solving problems facing the battle tanks and well over 600 nations of Europe...negotiations other armoured vehicles, and which pursue positive results which pursue positive results with a sense of high responsibility.

alliance was "very very substan- that from the very beginning tial". Nevertheless, he thought there should be a clear definition of the goals and talks should cover the full complex of have been done already. Sena- arms issues, including mediumrange rockets now based in

They repeated the Warsaw One object of the increased Pact countries do not seek spending will be to improve superiority but, at the same Europe's facilities for receiving time, they will not allow reinforcements of US ground themselves to fall into a and air forces in the event of a situation of inferiority," the

The pact ministers propose a quantitative and qualitative "hardened" to resist freeze in nuclear arms. They expect an answer from the Nato countries to this proposal.

mation by the Soviet Union that it proposed the Gromyko-

Shultz meeting in Geneva,

Soviet spokesmen have said

the talks will cover a new

formula for arms control, but diplomats said the Geneva

meeting was a climbdown by

Moscow after it refused to

attend arms talks until new US

missiles were withdrawn from

Mr Hammer, whose com-pany, Occidental Petroleum, is

Moscow's leading US business

partner, said he hoped trade

relations could improve to the

level they reached in the days of

detente under President Richard Nixon and President

Leonid Brezhnev in the 1970s.

● WASHINGTON: The US rejected Mr Hammer's call for a

specific pledge to refrain from

being the first country to use

A White House spokesman

said: "we have always said that

our weapons were purely for

defensive use and that we would

not be the first to use weapons of any kind at any time. We

have refused to specify a certain

class of weapons that we would

● ENVOY'S TALKS: The Kremlin's effective number

two, Mr Mikhail Gorbachev,

met the British ambassador to

Moscow, Sir Iain Sutherland,

Mr Gorbachev, aged 53,

due to visit London from

December 15 to 22 at the head

of a Soviet parliamentary

Kabul palace

hit in rebel

rocket attack

Islamabad (Reuter) - Rockets fired by Afghan rebels hit the presidential palace compound in the heart of Kabul, but

another attack missed the

capital's Intercontintal Hotel,

Western diplomats said here

One rocket landed on or

around the walled palace on November 26, and witnesses said they heard cries and saw

two ambulances arriving.
Several more rockets were

fired at the Intercontinental

Hotel, where 80 delegates from 41 countries were attending an

Afro-Asian Peace and Solidarity

Organization conference, but

they missed the target.
The diplomats said two more

rockets landed in an Afghan

Army compound near the West

Muslim guerrilas, armed with

what rebel sources say are 107mm Chinese-made rockets,

have been making surprise attacks on Kabul targets since

Colonel linked to priest's murder

Mr Urban said the auth-

orities would continue to investigate links between the

alleged murderers and other

sympathizers who may have

masterminded the crime - but

such evidence would probably

not be ready before the begin-

ning of the trial

of the secret police, will be which killed two high-ranking charged not only with the police investigators last Friday

earlier attempt to murder him. tigators, who included a colonel said.

German cultural centre.

vesterday.

for 40 minutes. Tass said.

nuclear weapons (AP reports).

Western Europe.

announced two weeks ago.

In the news: Le Monde journalists reading their paper before they reject the editor's recovery plan.

Editor of Le Monde calls it a day

Pretoria relents on

visa for Jackson

The Rev Jesse Jackson, the can airman from Syria and later

black civil rights leader and in the year he brought back outspoken opponent of apart-heid, has been given a visa to with him after a visit to

M André Laurens resigned as editor-in-chief of Le Monde yesterday after journalists reected the basis of his plan for the economic recovery of the troubled newspaper.

M Laurens, who celebrates his 50th birthday on Friday, candidate by an overwhelming majority of the editorial staff in May 1982. His appointment came after two years of bitter in-fighting and deep divisions

Jordanian

caused by the search for a suitable successor to M Jacques He is only the third editor

since the foundation of the paper 40 years ago by M Hubert Beuve-Mery. He said he in-tended to remain in the post until December 20, when meeting of shareholders of Le Mondé will be convened to choose his successor. Le Monde is a private

heid, has been given a visa to visit South Africa. A date for his

visit has yet to be fixed but it is

expected to take place early in

It will be Mr Jackson's

second visit to South Africa, He

spent 17 days in the Republic in 1979. He submitted an appli-

cation earlier this year when he

was seeking the Democratic presidential nomination, but it

Jackson may use his visit to seek the release of 13 black

There is speculation that Mr

shares are owned by the journalists, 5 per cent by the forward his plan for the management, 5 per cent by other employees, 10 per cent by the editor-in-chief and 40 per

cent by 15 outside private individuals, including

The paper, once highly successful, has been making substantial losses over the past three years. They are expected to exceed 80 million francs (£7 million) by the end of this year.

The granting of his visa has

Africa's racial policies and the

Reagan Administration's policy of "constructive engagement"

arrested outside the South African embassy in Washington on Monday, bringing to 19 the number who have been de-

tained there since the demon-

strations began on November

Three more protesters were

economic recovery of the paper, which included the sale of its

of 14 per cent. On Monday night, the 185 journalists voted to reject the

offices, and criticized the rest of M Laurens's plan

Hijackers kill man

Nicosia (AP) - Hijackers released 19 women and children after one passenger was fatally shot and another wounded on board a hijacked Kuwait air-liner at Tehran airport yestercome as demonstrators stepped day, according to the official up their protests against South Iranian news agency Iran

then free 19

Iranian news agency Irna reported, monitored here. Irna did not reveal whether the hijackers had made any demands, apart from asking for the refueling of the plane soon after it had landed. Those freed were five women and 14 children, most of them Pakista-

negotiations at 5.40pm. local time - 12 hours after the Kuwait Airlines Airbus with 161 people on board was forced to land at Tehran's Mehrabad

Airport. Earlier, Irna said one passenger was killed and another was wounded when shooting broke out inside the plane as it was parked on a subsidiary airport runway.

"Minutes after the shooting was heard from inside the plane, the main door was opened and the half-dead body of one of the passengers who had been seriously wounded was thrown out," Irna said.

The wounded man was taken

to an emergency medical centre added. The identities of the dead and wounded passengers were not announced. The aircraft had taken off from Kuwait on Monday night

with 150 passengers and 11 crew members on a flight to Karachi via Dubai, Irna said. Karachi airport officials said yesterday that 127 Pakistani nationals and 28 foreign nationals were on the liner. They did not give a further breakdown by nationality.

The released passengers were taken to the airport terminal

■ LONDON: At least two Britons are known to have been on board the airlines, (the Press

Association reports).

They are Captain Harry Clark, one of two pilots, and Mr

Neil Beeston, a ground engineer with the airline.

A spokesman at the London office of Kuwait Airways said: "There may also be other Britons among the passengers, but we have been unable to confirm this."

Captain Clark, who is believed to be in his 50s, is based

in Kuwait where he lives with Mr Beeston, aged 38, has

worked for Knwait Airways since the early 1970s. His wife Joyce and 12-year-old son

'Tip' O'Neill re-elected Washington - Congressional

ford writes).

Last week, non-journalist staff went on strike for two-days in protest against proposals to cut their salaries by an average of 14 per cent. Ashford writes)

Ferraro gets

reprimand

over family

finances

Washington - The House

Ethics Committee decided that Ms Geraldine Ferraro, the defeated Democratic vice-presidential candidate, violated the Ethics in Government Act at least 10 times by failing to

disclose fully her personal and family finances (Nicholas Ash-

But it is not recommending

any disciplinary action against

her and the decision is seen as a technical reprimand. Ms Ferra-

ro. a three-term Congress-

woman will cease to be a

member of the House when

Congress convenes on January

Mr Robert Michel of Illinois proposal to sell Le Monde Republicans as their leader.

Estate seized

Granada, (Reuter) - Almost 1,000 Spanish small farmers staged a symbolic takeover of a sprawling estate here belonging to the Duke of Wellington. "Estates such as this should be expropriated and handed over

Tourists killed

Naîrobi (AP) - Nine people including six American tourists, were killed when a van in which they were travelling to a game park collided with a lorry just south-east of here. Names were not released.

Sheep sharing Sheep bred in the Yorkshire

dales have been put on show at a leading Tokyo department store and are boosting sales of British wool, Mostly Wensley-dales and Swaledales, they are living happily on the store's roof and have become favourites on children's televisions

Beaten to death

Rio de Janeiro (Reuter) five convicted criminals from a police van at Ibatiba, north of here, and beat them to death with clubs and stones. They had been convicted of killing a policeman during an armed

Free on bail

Lombardi, an Italian extradited from Uruguay and charged in a Swiss court with helping the Italian masonic leader, Licio Gelli, to escape from a Geneva jail, has been released on bail of about £16,500. . .

Air chief dies

Moscow (AP) - Marshal Pavel Kutakhov, aged 70, head of the Soviet Air Force since 1969, died on Monday after an unspecified "severe and pro-longed illness," Tass said

Judges to go

The Hague (Reuter) - Iran will replace in January two of its judges who assaulted a fellow Swedish judge at a tribunal settling financial claims between Iran and the United

TV punch-up

Hilversum (AP) - A talk show on Dutch television was brawl broke out between opponents and supporters of the present military regime in the former. Dutch colony of Surinam. Three people were

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shot dead in Bucharest

Vienna, (Renter) – A senior Jordanian diplomat was killed in central Bucharest yesterday by a gunman, who immediately arrested, embassy said.

The gumman shot Mr Azmi Al-Mufti, Jordan's second-ranking diplomat in Romania, several times with a pistol as the diplomat left the hotel where he had been living for the past three mouths, witnesses reported.

In Amman, the Jordanian Prime Minister, Mr Ahmed Obeidat, said Mr Al-Mufti was taking his child to school when he was killed by "a wicked band". Romanian police seized the gunman whose identity and nationality were not immedi

A Jordanian Embassy spokesman, reached by tele-phone from Belgrade, could offer no possible motive for the

The assassination was un usual for Romania where the orthodox Communist authorities impose the closest watch The Hotel Bucuresti, where

Mr Al-Mufti was staying, is frequented by visiting foreign businessmen and diplomats. the killing was not clear, there has been a string of attacks abroad on Jordanian embassy employees in the past two

21. Four people were arrested at a similar protest outside the South African consulate in New month. In January he negotiated the release of an Ameri-Greek plot claim scorned

Caramanlis, the Greek President yesterday rejected as "ridiculous and suspicious" allegations in an article by Professor Nicos Devletoglu in The Times yesterday.

Professor Devictoglu, Pro-fessor of Political Economy at the University of Athens until 1975 and a co-founder of the that the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974 had been engineered at a secret meeting between Mr Karamanlis, then in exile in Paris, and Mr Bulent Ecevit, the Turkish Prime Minister, to topple the Greek

military dictatorship. The statement from the President's office not only denies these assertions, but rejects that Mr Karamanlis ever met Mr Ecevit before the Turkish invasion of Cyprus."
Sources close to the Greek President are surprised at such

question appears to be entering a delicate phase. President Kyprianou, of Cyprus, is to visit Athens for discussions with

Rabbi in

row over

girl troops

From Moshe Brilliant Tel Aviv

Rabbi Shimon Shlomo, hearded, black-clad deputy

representing the ultra-orthodox. Torah Guardians in Parlia-

ment, explained yesterday that he had not meant to say the licentious conduct of women in

the Israeli armed forces was responsible for the beavy casualties suffered in Lebanon.

What he meant was that their mere presence in the Army had caused the losses.

The rabbi offered his expla-

nation on Israel Radio after he had been criticized by col-

leagues in the parliamentary foreign affairs and security

newspaper interview. He said he had not meant to offend anyone but only to make a statement of fact.

He said the rabbinical sages

had opposed female military service, for it is written: "For

the Lord thy God walketh in

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Lookalike: This drawing of the Soviet prototype space shuttle and its carrier, the Bison bomber, strongly resembles its US predecessor. It appeared in Aviation Week and Space Technology magazine, which says landing tests will begin soon.

Tamils try to trade hostages for rebels

Colombo (Reuter) - A Tamil separatist group is holding nine hostages to back its demands that the Sri Lanka Government should release three guerrillas and pay a ransom of almost \$400,000 (£333,000), the National Security Minister, Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, said

He said a note to that effect was givn to a government agent in Jaffna by the Tamil Felam Liberation Army, which he described as Marxist ransom note.

Monday, and that most of them were Sinhalese, he added.

A second note said ransom money should be banded to Mr Murugesu Siva-sinthamperam, president of the Tamil United Liberation Front

Marcos back on TV after 3-week break ports).

A senior officer, Colonel Adam
Pietruszka, will be accused of
instigating the crime during
talks held with the other

and a major, had been investigating "peripheral" aspects of
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the backgrounds of the accused the back The robbery and torture of two priests in the Lublin area had no connections with the

in a shirt and dark trousers, walking slowly across a large

yesterday sentenced to death three men and a woman for being involved in an alleged plot to assassinate President Marcos and members of his

Manila (AFP) - President Marcos was shown yesterday on

Meanwhile, a military court

hostages were captured when guerrillas attacked a train on

swiftly rescued from the wreck-

Popieluszko affair and "had no political aspects at all," he said.

It was an unfortunate fact, that church buildings in isolated country parishes were often the

target of break-ins by thieves seeking valuables. There was "no reason why priests should

age, was not crucial to the case.

the midst of thy camp to deliver thee therefore shall thy camp be holy: that He sees no unseemly thing in thee and turn away from thee" (Deuteronomy 23:14). The rabbi said women's military service was unseemly and the Almighty had turned and its secretary general, Mr Appapillai Amirthalingam, But the Liberation Front later dissociated itself from the away, withdrawing his protec

government television for the first time since his disappear-ance three weeks ago from

Mr Marcos appeared dressed

Cabinet five years ago.

• ENTRY CHECK: Ethlopian Jews emigrating to Israel will be examined to see if they have been properly circumcized under ritual Jewish law, a spokesman for the Israeli Rabbinate said (Rester re-A special committee of Ethiopian immigrants and rabbis will send newcomers to a ritual circumsizor, who will determine whether a repeat operation is necessary.

Ethiopian Jews are reputed to be descended from notables who accompanied Menelik, son of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, when he returned to Africa from Jerusalem. In recent years many have gone to live in Israel. A spokesman for the Ethio-pian Jews was quoted in the Jerusalem Post as saying they regarded the move as hamiliat-

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was anything more than an feel they are living in an "ordinary accident". The inves-

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he's appointing to run London if the GLC goes.

Himself. It gives him direct control over all the Whitehall committees

and joint boards which would take over the majority of the GLC's functions.

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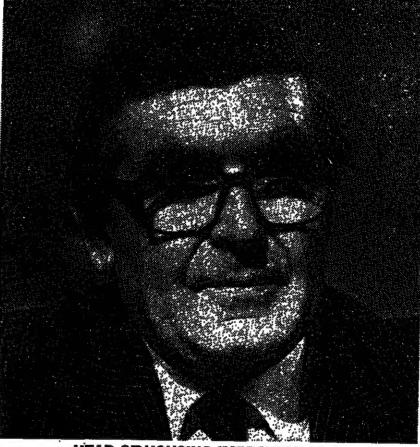
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details of the Bill itself after it's been approved by Parliament. It's an extraordinary precedent.

One which not only denies all Londoners their say, but also denies Parliament its rightful role in the process by which Government policies are implemented.

Right from the start, the Government has made it clear it isn't going to let the people of London decide how London's run.

Now it seems it isn't going to let the Houses of Parliament decide either.

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Grenadian voters emerge from shadow of Gairy after 30 years

From Christopher Thomas St George's, Grenada

The uny Caribbean island of Grenada began life as a noncolonial democracy yesterday. Sir Eric Gairy, the right-wing autocrat who has cast his shadow over Grenadian politics for 50 years, was roundly

The United States, most of the Caribbean, and Britain are delighted at the victory of the middle-of-the-road National Party, formed only four months ago as a frail coalition of three political groups. Only in recent weeks has it looked like a cohesive, serious challenger to Sir Eric's Granada United Labour Party

The electron was peaceful. The pro-Cuban Maurice Bishop Fatriotic Movement lost its deposit in nearly all the 13 constituencies it contested.

The election result was also a rejection of the personality cult of Sir Eric, aged 62, who shut himself away in a rented house in St George's for the duration of the campaign. He has given

no recent interviews. rksome to him to have lost to Mr Herbert Blaize, leader of the new National Party, a former political ally who struck out with his own Grenada National Party in the September 1957 general election. He lost then to Sir Eric, and several times subsequently.

Six years earlier they had been banished together by the Ciovernor-General to the depen-

Both began their working lives in the cheerless manner of

House of Representitives New National Party Grenada United Labour Party Maurice Bishop Patriotic Movement Christian Democratic Labour Party Grenada Federated Labour Party Lodosandoste

Last Election, Dec 7, 1976

Maurice Bishop's New Jewel Move

again, but always stiffly. He now appears frail with arthritis. Sir Eric did not contest a seat in Monday's general election, doubtless for fear of spoiling his boast that he has never personally lost a popular vote. Had GULP done well he doubtless would have arranged

a safe by-election for himself.

Mr Blaize is a native of sleepy Carriacou, an insurance sales man and later a solicitor, He was chief minister in the 1960s the campaign. He has given becoming the first Prime Ministracent interviews.
It must have been especially defeated him in August of the same year. He has consistently been regarded as a representa-tive of the middle classes

The other principal players in the new Government of Grenada are:

Mr Francis Alexis, a deputy law school dean in Barbados who returned after the US-led invasion. He was abroad for 10 years. He headed the Grenada Democratic Movement, a party dancy island of Carriacou, 30 of exiles formed with US miles north of Grenada, as a backing to oppose the Marxist punishment for formenting a Government of Maurice

Mr George Brizan, aged 41, a teacher of history and econso many of their generation, omics in Grenadian schools. He toiling long hours in the was head of the New Demooilfields of the Dutch island of cratic Party which, together
Aruba, off the Venezuelan with the parties formerly
coast. While in his twenties Mr headed by Mr Blaize and Mr Blaize was paralysed in a Alexis, make up the new cycling accident. He walked governing party of Grenada.

US nuns demand end to arms for El Salvador

demanded an end to American military aid to El Salvador in a demonstration in front to the US embassy here. The nuns of the Maryknoll and Ursuline orders were friends of three nuns and a lay-woman mission-

government officials last Fri-

Australian outlook: Part 1

Old-country ties linger amid alien cultures

In the first of three articles on Australia as Mr Bob Hawke begins his second term of office. Alan Hamilton looks at the country's ties with Britain and changing attitudes to the Crown.

An outsider observing the

Australian general election campaign could well have been forgiven for thinking that Mr Bob Hawke, with his presidential style and cuit of person-ality, was campaigning to be returned as head of state.

He is, of course, merely the Prime Minister, and he knows well enough that, like his Labour predecessor, Mr Gough Whitlam, he could be remo from office by a higher authority. That higher auth-ority, however, maintains a distinctly low profile in pre-

There is no longer any portrait of the Queen on banknotes or stamps (although her profile still graces the coinage), and there is no plea for the Almighty to save her in Australia Fair.

There have been suggestions that the Union Jack in the corner of the national flag be replaced with a device of



Sir Joh Bielke-Petersen: Monarchist standard bearer

similar shape and design, but in Australia's national colours of green and gold. And there are pleaty of Australians willing to predict an end to the monarchical tie within 10 or 20

tars. Logically there is no good reason why a nation of 15 million proud, prosperous, and seemingly self-confident people on the other side of the world, with a strong national identity ce to the British monarch, 214 years after a Whitby

Bay and claimed it for King George IIL

The old preferential trade links were largely destroyed when Britain joined Europe, and Australian farmers now complain that EEC surplus dumping is ruining their tra-ditional markets and livelihoods.

The country's primary defence treaty is with the United States through Anzus and the once-endless caravan of young Aussies taking the Silk Route by minibus for a couple of years' work in the old country has dried to a trickle as work permits have become harder to obtain.

A change of immigration policy, for which Mr Hawke's Government has been unfairly accused of being anti-British means that a majority in the past two years have been from parts other than Britain.

But the ties remain. Despite an influx of southern Euro-peans in the 1960s and 1970s, and a wave of Asians in the 1980s, it will be many years before Australians with Anglo-Saxon and Celtic stock are squeezed into a minority.

dard bearer is the boldly eccentric National Party Prem-

ier of Queensland, Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen, not even a Pom himself. Part of his election campaign was to take pents in the newspapers inviting readers to write to him deploring the loss of the Queen's person on the bank-notes and in the national

A senior official of the more moderate Liberal Party, which is in an enforced and not always happy coalition with the National Party, explained it thus: "We are essentially a white, Christian, Western democratic nation with a Westminster-style Parliament.
Look at our neighbours—
Indonesia, Philippines, even
China. All very alien cultures
indeed. We sometimes can feel

Defence was barely mentioned as an election issue, as there are no votes in defence in peacetime. But there is some concern in Australia both about the weakness of the Anzus Treaty, which gives no firm guarantee that the US will rush to Australia's aid in time of d, and about present events to the north,

There is continued instability in East Timor, only 260 cross-border insurgency from Irian Jaya, the Indonesianowned western half of the island of New Guines, into independent Papua New Guinea. A Communist government in Jakarta would be seen in Canberra as a major threat:

It is barely conceivable that Britain would mount a Falklands-style expedition in Ausnands-style expedition in Australia's hour of need, but the connection with the Crown gives the Australians some extra feeling of identity in a region where they perceive themselves surrounded by people who are not their own with and his They may not he kith and kin. They may not be as self-confident as they like to make out.

One of Mr Hawke's campaign staff put it much more simply. Charles and Diama were a terrific success when they came here. And do you know why? The most popular television programmes here have been Dallas, Dynasty and Coronation Street. Aussies are absolute suckers for a good soap opera, and that's what the Royal Family is. The best soap opera on earth."

Tomorrow: Crime

The Indian chemical tragedy

Fatal to insects rats and man

New York (NYT) - The rules specify that in one eightsubstance that escaped from a storage tank at Bhopal, India, with severe loss of life is widely used in preparing insecticides, such as Union Carbide's Sevin. It is known as mehyl isocya-nate, and even in small amounts it produces a voluminous discharge from the eyes and is expremely irritating to the skin and internal organs.

Heavy exposure can apparently cause enough fluid ac-cumulation in the lungs to cause drowning. Its effects differ basically from those of cyanide compounds which attack the nervous system, causing paralysis of the respiratory muscles.

New York (AP) - The Bophal leak of poison gas is one of the worst industrial accidents in history. Here are some other serious industrial and environ-

 April, 1942, a coal dust explosion at the Honkelko Colliery in China killed 1,572. April, 1947, 561 died when a

methyl isocyanate per million parts of air. This amounts to 0.05 milligrams percubic metre.

At the New York offices of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Mr Nick Fannick, an industrial hygienist, said half the rats exposed to 5 part per million for four hours died. Even light exposures have a long-lasting effect on humans. causing an allergic or asthmatic reaction to the slightest further exposure.

No Skin exposure is permitted in US plants. No information was sis of the respiratory muscles.

American occupational safety similar regulations in India.

Disasters of the past

dynamite trucks exploded in Cali, Colombia. • Dec. 1975, an explosion in a mine at Chasnala, India, killed

Sept. 1921, an explosion at died from anthrax after an Oppau, in West Germany, chemical selections and killed 56! chemical warfare plant at Novosibirsk in the Soviet

> • Last month at least 452 were killed when 80,000 barrels of natural gas exploded at a state-owned Pernex facility in Mexi-

constitutional amendment in

mid-year under which the three Opposition members who re-

ceive the most votes are assured

of parliamentary seats, though their voting rights will be restricted.

The six opposition parties are expected to field about 50

candidates, including four of the Barisan Sosialis, whose leader-ship was detained without trial

in the 1960s, crackdown on

destroyed all opponents, sub-verted the trade union move-ment and taken control of the at least some indirect election. Countering claims that he is intolerant of opposition of any

indirectly. But it would seem

Delicate questions of nationality

Then there is the delicate question of nationality laws. Some hurt and anxiety are inevitable when there is a change of sovereignty. But the group who pose the greatest problem are the 6,000 to 10,000 — the estimates vary — British dependent territory citizens of neither Chinese nor British origin.

reign.

They and their children, in theory at least, could become stateless persons. As Hong Kong residents they could apply for Chinese citizenship, though without the certainty as non-Chinese that this would be granted.

The present generation will probably be granted British overseas citizenship, which does not give the right of abode in this country but implies an ultimate moral obligation on British if things go badly



Geoffrey Smith

When the House of Commons last debated Hong Kong states wanship went to its head. That was back in May, when members of all parties were so auxious not to prejudice sego-tiations that they fell over themselves to proclaim their confidence in Chinese good

So much so as to prove a positive embarrassment to British negotiators. It became harder for them thereafter to convince the Chinese that there was a serious danger of the House rejecting an unsatisfactory agreement.
That was the time for the

Commons to sing a tough song. Now that a settlement has been reached it would be pointless doing so in today's debate. But doing so in today's debate. But the agreement is so widely regarded as a triumph of British diplomacy that there does not seem much risk of that. Yet the House will be failing in its task if it indulges simply in an exchange of mutual congratulations. The agreement is in general a good one. Not only is it bound to be accented; it deserves in be

to be accepted; it deserves to be accepted. Yet some problems remain which need to be examined carefully.

One of the most critical is how far and how fast to develop Hong Kong's internal democracy. It is now intended that from next year the legislative council will be composed partly of members elected by all those who serve on the urban and regional councils and on district boards, partly of members elected by professional and corporate interest groups, partly of members appointed by partly of members appointed by the Governor and partly o official members.

Pressure to hold direct elections

This structure will be reviewed in 1987, before the next elections in 1988. But there is pressure to more more swiftly towards a system of full direct election. This arrange-ment would be the simplest, could command the most widespread international ac-ceptance and would therefore be the hardest for the Chinese to sweep away without incur-ring international odium. This is a powerful case, but

there is not apparently wide-spread support in Hong Kong for rashing in that direction yet. The argument for caution is that the Hong Kong tradition is one of consensus politics, that this will be all the more necessary after 1997, that it will be more easily preserved if there is a balance of interests and experience in the legislative council, that this requires and that anyway it would be folly to push through reforms which the Chinese would not be prepared to swallow.

In due course the whole legislative council will need to be elected, whether directly or indirectly. But it would seem wise to me to leave the newly devised structure in place until the 1987 review, and not to prejudge that review now. Whatever system is intended for Hong Kong after 1997, however, will need to be in place by the 1991 elections at the latest if it is to have full legitimacy.

There is a demand that the same status should be available to those born there after 1997. But it would seem to me to be But it would seem to me to be politically unwise to offer the vague title of British overseas citizen to an unknown number of people indefinitely into the future. There would remain the residual responsibility in particular cases not to allow individuals to become stateless. What the people of Hong Kong need above all at this stage, though is evidence of stage, though, is evidence of Britain's continuing interest. The suggestion of an annual parliamentary debate may be usrealistic, but there could at least be an official annual annual parameter.

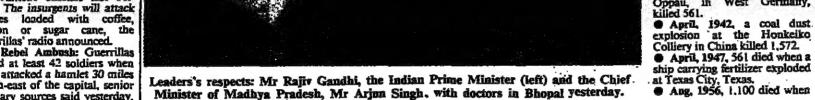
San Salvador (AFP)-Thirty- Front (LMLN) have launched a four US and Canadian nuns campaign to sabotage El Salvador's main exports, immediately after the second meeting between guerrilla leaders and

day. The insurgents will attack lorries loaded with coffee, cotton or sugar cane, the

manuscrea by Salvadorean soldiers on December 2, 1981.

Meanwhile, the left-wing guerrillas of the Farabundo

Marti National Libertine Liberation military sources said yesterday. Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Mr Arjun Singh, with doctors in Bhopal yesterday.



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Confident Lee looks to all 79 seats From Stephen Taylor, Singapore

Another controversial feature has been the introduction of Mr

The question hanging over breed and the lower orders said to have been lacklustre he the Singapore general election being offered incentives to stop, is forthright in criticizing the have caused some alienation. PAP, claiming that it has on December 22 is not who win win but rather what kind of op-position will remain afterwards. The People's Action Party (PAP) of Mr Lee Kuan Yew, the Prime Minister, is confident of winning all 79 seats in a newly-enlarged Parliament, including the Anson constituency held by Singapore's sole opposition MP and Mr Lee's arch political foe, Mr "Ben" Jeyaretnam.

Officially dissolving the pre-sent 75-seat Parliament yester-day, President Devan Nair

would close on December 12.

It has become traditional for the island's elections to be at intervals of four years instead of the constitutional term of five years, and it is a sign of the PAP's assurance that highly controversial policy proposals have been floated in an election

Bonn pays

£95m to free

E Germans

From Our Correspondent

Bonn has spent nearly £95 million so far this year on buying freedom in the West for

West German newspaper said

The conservative daily, Die Well, said the East Germans included 2,115 political pris-

paid handsomely were people who had been granted exit visas

Lee's son as a PAP candidate. Brigadier Lee Hsien Loong, former Deputy Commander of the Defence Forces, has an academic record comparable to his father's (both double firsts at Cambridge), but there have been the inevitable suggestions that Lee Senior is attempting to forge a political dynasty. In the four elections since

1968 opposition groups such as Mr Jeyaretnam's Workers' Party have polled between 16 per cent and 30 per cent of the total vote, but have failed to past-the-post system.

Mr Jeyaretnam broke the

PAP's assurance that highly controversial policy proposals have been floated in an election year. Mr Lee's attempts at social engineering, for example, with graduates being encouraged to parliamentary performance is in the 1960s crackdown on mould at a by-election for the communists and trade union-isss. At the time of the last ency in 1981 and his presence election about 30 political has injected liveliness into detainess were being held under the Internal Security Act. Now there is just one.

Talks began yesterday residual powers should lie with between the Basque regional the individual Basque provinces government and the Basque or with the autonomous govern-Socialists, aimed at reaching a ment.

the region's grave problems. to become ungovernable as the autonomous government that was elected last February, lacks a majority in Parliament. Terrorism by ETA, the Basque separatist organization is answered by extreme right-wing "death squads" and the restruc-turing of local shippards brings almost daily clashes between

oners bought out between January and the end of November. This was a record annual figure since Bonn began paying for the release of such prisoners in 1963, the newspaper added the workers and the police. prisoners in 1903, the newspaper added.

Die Weh said Bonn expected that a total of 2,200 political prisoners would have been bought out by the end of this year. However, the Bonn Ministry for Inner German Relations declined to comment on the report The other East Germans for whom East Berlin had been

aim for peace accord From Richard Wigg, Madrid

long-term agreement to tackle The Basque country threatens

Señor Carlos Garaicoechea, the Basque Nationalist Chief Minister, yesterday met Señor Jose, Benegas, the Basque Socialist and Opposition leader in Vitoria, to discuss Benegas's offer of a three-year parliamentary agreement. The agreement was approved in Madrid with Selfor Felipe Gonzalez, Spain's Prime Minister.

Rival Basque leaders

In return for the Socialists'
votes, Senor Benegas has
demanded a basic agreement on
tackling terrorism and on the
final limits of the Statute of
Guernica which established the Guernica, which established the Basque autonomous region. The two sival political parties have fought, often bitterly, over

> moments of tension. Before any moments of tension, before any pact can be implemented, the two leaders will have to sell it to their own highly suspicious parties. But the grim alternative, already envisaged by some Basques, is of the present slide towards a breakdown of generating into a Lebanon-like situation.

 Spain's two police associations protested yesterday over a decision by a Barcelona court Prime Minister.

The Basque Nationalist Party
to stand trial over the killing of has only 32 of the 75 seats in the an urban terrorist in Barcelona to travel to West Germany, according to the paper. A total of 38,000 East Germans had either been allowed to resettle in West Germany, had escaped or been bought out by Bonn to the end of November.

Basque parliament,

The chief Minister has a been charged with homicide arising out of the death of Juan Martin Luna, who was one of the leaders of the First of liarly Basque dispute, which has end of November.

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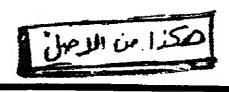
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From April 1 1985 the government wants to greatly reduce the list of medicines available to NHS patients.

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The alternatives are to pay privately ... or go without.

An exaggeration? Surely adequate substitutes will be available?

Not so!

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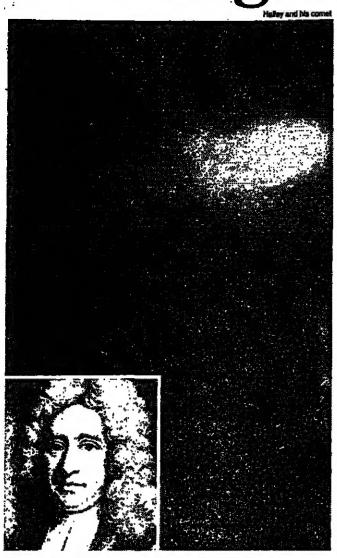
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The great space race to catch a comet



David Whitehouse describes the rivalry to intercept Halley's

Comet as it heads for the Sun Comets have always fascinated,

able visitors were once thought of as omens of war, famine and pestilence, or as fireballs cast down by God as warnings. The truth is that a comet is "a

dirty snowball" up to several kilometres in diameter and composed of ice, various quantities of frozen gases, and dust. This combination may not sound very thrilling, but with the imminent approach of the famous of them all, Halley's Comet, a new space race has begun to be the first to

Halley's Comet is named after the English astronomer Edmund Halley who observed the comet in 1682, calculated its

changed since the formation of budget cutbacks.

the planets because they lie in and occasionally terrified, the "cold storage". They tell scien-human race. These unpredict- tists about the nature and composition of the ancient gas cloud which formed the Sun. about formation processes in general and of the birth of our planetary system.
Halley's Comet returns to

Earth every 76 years and it is next scheduled to pass close to the Sun in 1986. When it does, a flotilla of space probes will

NASA was denied cash to be first

from America's National Aero-sophisticated is being sent by the comet in 1682, calculated its orbit and correctly predicted its return in 1757.

As relies of the early solar system, comets are very important and space almost 20 years, will severe curtailing of NASA's the European Space Agency in a series of the European Space Agency in a ser ant. They are relatively un- not be fielding a craft because of

planning, the Americans are noised to become the first to shoot a space probe through the tail of a comet, albeit another comet and not Halley.

Planet A launch

14 August 1985

Last December NASA scientists reached the climax of the most complex series of orbital manocuvres undertaken by a spacecraft when ISEE-3, the International-Sun-Earth-Explorer, was hurled towards a comer. ISEE-3 was launched in 1978 for a completely different task. It was designed to investigate and monitor the Sun's influence on the Earth's aumosphere. However, while it returned valuable data, a few scientists elsewhere began hatching a plan to upstage the other spacefaring nations involved in the race to Halley.

Two of the intercepting space probes, called Vega, are Russian; they will be launched later this month towards Venus, a An embarrassing fact to port of a call on their way to emerge from this exciting Halley. Two more are Japanese development is that scientists while the fifth and most

shots: there have been very few

US missions to explore the solar system in the past 10 years. And Halley's Comet will be arriving, thoughtlessly, in the middle of this sparse decade.

PLANET A

(EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY)

Not surprisingly, American scientists have viewed this situation with alarm and for several years they lobbied for a mission to Halley. But NASA was denied the money while the European, Japanese and Russian projects went ahead. US scientists realized with bitterness and disapointment that it had become too late to send a world emissary to greet Halley's

NASA scientist Dr Robert Farquhar realized that by using outrageous series aπ manoeuvres and orbital changes, the United States' ISEE-3 could make it to Comet Giacobini-Zinner months be-fore the others reached Halley's.

It was with this in mind that ISEE-3 was placed in the first of its transfer orbits in August last year. The satellite does not contain enough fuel to catch up the comet by itself so it was sent in a series of looping trajectories to swing it around the Moon The Americans' predicament is a result of budget cuts and the gave the spacecraft a gravisevere curtailing of NASA's lational kick to increase its blown away, billowing behind to form the familiar tail. five times. Each lunar flyby velocity and change its direc-tion. The final, and most

critical, one last December took it 60 miles above the lunar

EARTH'S ORBIT

Perihelion: 9 February 1986

the tail of Giacobini-Zinner in September 1985, passing a mere 3.000 km from the nucleus and providing the first on-site easurements of a comet and its environment. The following year it will be between Halley and the Sun when the other probes reach it: a valuable additional platform from which to collect data to complement the observations made by other

A rocket will plunge deep into its shroud

Most comets travel in highly elliptical, cigar-shaped orbits that seldom bring them back to the warmth of the Sun. When they near the Sun, the frozen volatiles evaporate to form a fuzzy halo of gas, called a coma, around the nucleus. This coma is usually all that can be seen when a comet is discovered.

As the comet approaches the

mid-1985 by an Ariane rocket and will intercept Halley's nine months later, plunging deep into its dust shroud. At the speed Giotto will travel, collisions with minute dust particles could cause damage. To help target Giotto close to the nucleus. European astronomers have signed an agreement with

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Planet A 8 March 1986

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The Soviet Vega spacecraft will arrive at Halley's first and its tracking data will prove invaluable in the fine-tuning of Giotto's trajectory. Scientists estimate that Giotto has a 90 per cent chance of survival, but the longer it lives and the closer it gets to the nucleus the more valuable will be the data it

their Soviet counterparts.

Halley's are flyby missions – the logical first step — but the ultimate in confetary exploration would be a probe in orbit alongside a comet for long periods. The problem is that such a spacecraft requires advanced rocket systems which have yet to be developed and would be limited to unimpressive comets which always stay.

using a spacecraft called the Mariner Mark 2, making use of existing components and spare parts such as motors and tanks from the Mars Viking missions and antennae from Voyager. NASA hopes this will keep

the cost of such a mission low, around \$300m (£250m), and that it could be launched from the space shuttle in 1990. Timing would be critical because Mariner must meet the

comet four years after launch when it is furthest from the Sun and remain within 10km of the comet for two years as it nears Kopff would be an exciting

mission but already cometary tiously looking at a probe that will bring back to Earth a sample of a cometary nucleus. Such a sophisticated mission could not be undertaken this century, but a less demanding task would be to return with a sample of gas-and dust from a comet's environment. Engineers and scientists at

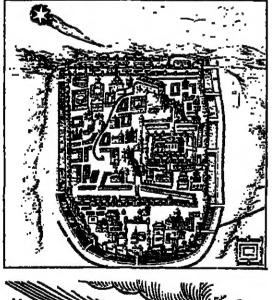
NASA and ESA are studying the possibility of using a probe similar to that going to Halley's for a mission that could take One such comet is Kopff, place within the next few years. the Mullard Space Science which orbits the Sun every 6.7 A possible target is Comet Laboratory of University Colyears. NASA is considering Brorsen-Metcalf, which has a lege London.

period of 70 years. A probe launched in December 1987 will encounter this comet in August 1989 and land back on Earth

attractive because of its rich scientific reward and reduced cost because a lot of development work has been carried out on the Giotto probe.

America's ISEE-3 has now een renamed the International Cometary Explorer (ICE) and by 1987, after Halley's comet has started its journey back to solar system, ICE will be 120 million km from Earth. At that distance, 75 times greater than the range for which its radio transmitters were designed, even NASA's upgraded deepspace tracking network will lose ICE's signal.

ICE will return to Earth by about 2015. As one NASA scientist recently remarked: The observations of the comet are OK but getting there will be half the fun.







Top left: Halley's Comet over Jerusalem in 66 AD. Below: as seen in 1546 when it was excommunicated by Pope Calixtus 111. Above: depicted in the Bayenx Tapestry of 1066. Right: Halley's Comet in a cartoon by Leonard Raven-Hill (1767-1842) from Punch, 1910.

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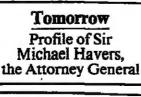
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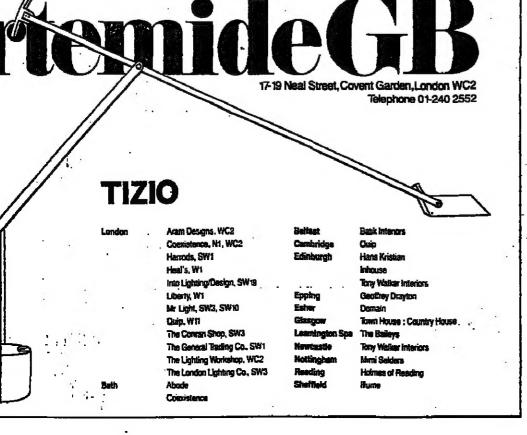
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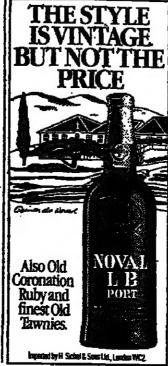
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of their friends. A N Hamish - I very much enjoyed Flaubert's Budgie. which in my opinion should have won the Booker Prize: taut, brilliant, mesmeric and jewelled. The funniest book of the year for me was Volume 19 of the Humphrey Lyttelion Letters, in which the distinguished jazz trumpeter continues his correspondence with his old housemaster in an attempt to get paid for a gig he did for him in 1961. And the finest book of poetry beyond a doubt was Sequestration by Price Waterhouse, obscure and baffling, but giving glimpses of mighty forces in motion. enjoyed Thackeray's Poodle, my favourite novel of the year was

Arthur Liar by Price Water-house taut, brilliant, mesmeric and jewelled. This should have won the Booker Prize. The most outstanding historical book of McEwan Hunter - I very much the year was Stanley and the enjoyed a thriller by a name Women, a study of Baldwin's new to me: Hit List by Ian heroic struggle in 1936 to choose between Wallis Simpson, Queen Mary and the Queen Mother. Best book of poetry: Hello, Everybody by

Naipaul Theroux - Brilliant? Taunt? Mesmeric? Jewelled, even? Yes, Tolstoy's Gerbil was all of these things and should have won the Booker Prize, but even more I enjoyed Money by Craig Rich, if I have the name right. Funniest book of the year was a study of the Duchess of Windsor, How to be a Wallis, and the most intriguing was Stanley and the Women, in which Scottish comedian Stan-ley Baxter reveals the secrets of doing a high-class drag act. I haven't read any poetry this year, but if I had I think I should have enjoyed Library Fines by Philip Larkin.

Thereux Massingham-Fergu-son-Tractor - The most outstanding novel of the year for meric and Jewelled by Julian Parrot which should have won the Booker Prize and may well have done so for all I know, as I was out of the country at the time. Travel books were all the vogue his year, and I very much enjoyed Clive James's narrowing account of seeing Japanese TV extracts in viewing theatres all over the world (he usually ended up screaming to be let out), but my favourite was

Miles Kington

Lincoln by Gore Vidal, a quiet study of this sometimes overlooked cathedral city. One excellent children's book: Stanley and the Parrots.

The Ethiopian Cultural Attache - Hello. The books I most enjoyed were all written, coincidentally. by the Ethiopian leader, Colonel Mengistu. One was a novel. Money? What Money?, which I am pleased to say won the Ethiopian Booker Prize. One was a historical work, Ten Glorious Years And Lots More To Come, and one a personal memoir entitled Be-lieve Me, I Haven't Seen The Money, And That's Final, which came out in a private jewelled edition. It was also taut, brilliant and mesmeric.

MacGregor. Taut, violent, brilliant, mesmeric, fast-moving and gripping. Unfortunately, there seemed to be no ending in

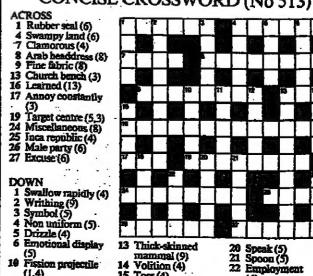
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fast-moving, taut, moving and compelling, though again the ending seemed missing. Finally, one excellent gardening book.
The Name of The Rose.

Craig Parrot - Before the Falklands War started, Port Stanley was just a sleepy little colonial town far from anywhere. Now a major garrison port, it teems with the sort of life we used to associate with Marseilles – poets, pimps, musicians, peddlers, prostitutes and colourful madames from all lands - and I very much enjoyed a new study of the place. Stanley and the Women. Best book of poetry: Six Into One Doesn't Go by Booker

Arthur Koestler - Yes, it's really me, Arthur Koestler! Yes, there is communication from the other side. And things are pretty exciting over here, I can tell you. For instance, I have been having some long chats with Herr Hitler, now a reformed character, and he has been telling me the truth about his my copy. I was also sent for Dacre, is ... pip, pip, pip, review this year an anonymous pip, ... damn, my money's run racy tale of the sea. HMS out I'll try to get through again Conquerer Logbook, which was as soon as possible . . .

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Enjoy the richness of Christmas

Twelfth Night, with its King and Queen and feasting, used to be one of the high points of Christmas. Shona **Crawford Poole** explains how today's pudding replaced the festive cake





Midwinter revels: The King and Queen of Twelfth Night as seen by George Cruikshank

As if they did not have enough to answer for without taming Christmas, Queen Victoria and Charles Dickens all but ruined its image. What had once been a lively, not to say licentious, midwinter revel was domesticated and commercialized. . It was in their time that the bosoms of the family rose higher in men's admitted aspirations than any as yet unconquered bosoms - except at the office party which has close spiritual ties with the Christmas celebrations of old.

Twelfth night was the big do, and by the 17th century its gastronomic centrepiece was a welfth cake. The cake hid tokens by which a king and queen were chosen to rule the night's festivities, turning the everyday order topsy-turvy.

The tradition of a pretend king licensed with large but limited powers can be traced back much further. By the 19th century it had become no more than a genteel pariour game.

Ornate and expensive cakes drew crowds to the bakers' windows, but they no longer held the key to festive power. These were distributed separately now by lots drawn from a bag or hat and, cashing in on the fun, printers ran off pictures of not only kings and queens but also a host more of eccentric characters for partygoers to pick and play. The characters chan-ged with fashion exactly as pantomime figures and jokes do today and their names are just as often alliterative. The Victorian character sheets are littered with Lady Lovewells, Sir Walter Watchfulls, Miles Misrules, Fanny Fidgets and Toby Tip-

Remnants of the near-forgotten festivities linger on. Elaborate twelfth cakes became homely Christmas cakes and sometimes still conceal a trinket or charm for good luck. More often, though, if there is a silver sixpence to be found, it will be

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Christmas pudding.
Recipes for "light" Christmas cakes which are less fruity and costly versions of the dark, traditional thing, turn up every year. There is nothing the matter with them except that they lack festive spirit, the special-occasion feeling of a really extravagant cake.

Instead, or as well, why not make the richest, darkest chocolate cake imaginable? This one keeps for weeks in the fridge. It is moist enough to serve as a pudding and elegant enough for anyone's tea. The recipe is based on American writer-caterer Martha Stewart's double diabolo cake, and it is diabolically good, that's for sure.

Very rich chocolate cake Makes a 30cm (12in) cake 110g (4oz) muscatel raistns, chopped 120mi (4fi oz) whisky

400g (14oz) good dark chocolate 4 tablespoons water 225g (8oz) unsalted butter

6 large eggs, separated 285g (10oz) light brown or caster.

plain flour 170g (6oz) ground almonds

1/2 teaspoon salt 340g (12oz) good dark chocolate

350ml (12fl oz) double cream Soak the raisins in the whisky

In a large bowl set over a pan of hot water, melt the chocolate with water, then stir in the butter, a piece at a time until

the mixture is smooth. Beat the egg yolks with the sugar until the mixture is pale and fluffy, and stir it into the melted chocolate. Add the flour and the almonds followed by the raisins and whisky and mix them all lightly together.

Whisk the egg whites with the salt to a stiff meringue and fold it into the chocolate mixture, adding a about a third of the

meringue at a time. Turn the cake mixture into a 30cm (12in) cake tin which has been lined with buttered greaseproof paper or with baking parchment. Alternatively, divide the mixture between two 20cm (8in) tins prepared in the same way. Loose-bottomed tins with expanding sides are the

Smooth the top of the cake

leaves to reveal their exact copies in chocolate.



A portly Twelfth Night king getting portlier

and bake it in a preheated moderate oven (180°C/350°F, gas mark 4) for 35 minutes or until the centre of the cake is still moist but the sides are just beginning to shrink from the

Leave the cake in the papers but out of its tin until it is quite

Remove the papers and set the cake on a wire rack to ice it. Melt together the chocolate and cream, stir until smooth and pour the icing over the cake. If the heat has made the icing very thin allow it to cool and thicken a little before pouring it over the

Allow at least two hours for the icing to harden to a rich. fudge-like consistency. strained decorations such as

dark chocolate leaves or curls. look best on this cake. To make chocolate leaves pick a selection of non-poisonous leaves - bay or rose for example. Wash and dry them. Melt some good dark chocolate on a plate over a pan of hot water and dip the underside of every leaf into the chocolate. Transfer them to a wire rack to cool. When the chocolate has hardened, peel away the real

You will probably break as many as you succeed in making but as the chocolate can be melted and re-used nothing need be wasted.

Not everyone enjoys the rich puddings traditional in this country at Christmas. Two luxurious fruit puddings which are posh versions of everday fare look and taste acceptably

Instead of pears cooked in red wine, try whole apples cooked in cider - pommes dorées no less. There is now an edible gold powder paint which real or chocolate leaves, turning humble apples into a real party

Serves six

6 Cox's orange pippins 1 pint cider

55g (2 oz) demerara sugar, or to

2 whole cloves 10cm (4 ln) stick cinnamon

Choose good, crisp apples which are evenly sized and not bruised. Using a very sharp knife, cut off the skin of the apples in a spiral starting from the base and preserving the shape of the fruit as prettily as possible. Leave the stems Drop the peeled

apples into water acidulated with a tablespoon of vinegar or lemon juice to stop them

Heat together the cider, sugar and spices, stirring until the sugar has dissolved. Arrange the apples in one layer in casserole or oven-proof dish and pour the cider syrup and spices over them. Bake the apples in a very cool oven (120°C/250°C, gas mark (4) for about two hours, turning them several times. The apples are ready when they are tender but still whole, which is why they are baked so slowly.

Remove the spices and leave the apples to cool in the syrup. Chill them well before serving. The flavour of the apples improves with keeping, refriger-ated, for up to a week. The fruit should be turned daily to keep it moist and evenly coloured. Serve the apples in a glass bowl decorated, if you like, with plain gilded leaves. The stems of the fruit can also be gilded.

Christmas fruit compot is spiced too and the fruit cooked in red wine. The wine can be as ordinaire as you like.

Christmas fruit compot Serves ten to twelve 900g (2lb) mixed, dried fruit. prunes, apricots, figs, peaches and

bottle red wine 10g (4oz) demerara sugar

2 sticks cinnamon

Finely pared zest of 1 tangerine 110g (4oz) blanched almonds

overnight. Next day add the sugar, spices and peel and simmer the fruit until it is tender. Discard the spices and peel. Put the fruit into a serving bowl and add the nuts. Reduce the wine syrup to about 450ml (% pint) and strain it over the fruit and nuts. Chill well before serving.

PERFECT **CHRISTMAS** PUDDING

Serves eight to ten 225g (8oz) muscatel raisins, stone 225g (Boz) currents

170g (6oz) frash brown 55g (2oz) blanched almonds,

55g (2oz) glacé cherries, quartered

55g (2oz) soft brown sugar 2 tablespoons finely grated orange

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg

1/4 teaspoon ground cloves 3 large eggs

150ml (1/4 pint) port 6 tablespoons brandy

This suet-free and butter-free Inis suer-ree and nutter-tree pudding keeps just as well as a conventional pudding and tastes every bit as good, if not better.

Put all the dry ingredients, the raisins, currants, bread-crumbs, nuts, cherries, sugar, avange zest and spices into a large bowl and mix thousashly. large bowl and mix thoroughly with your hands. In another bowl

whisk the eggs, port and brandy. Pour the liquid over the dry ngredients and mix thoroughly. Butter one large or two mailer pudding basins and turn the mixture luto them, leaving room for the pudding to rise a little. Cover the bowls with buttered greaseproof paper and foil and tie these lids on very tightly with string. Water must not get into the puddings while

they are cooking. Stand each basin in saucepan and pour in boiling water to come about half-way up its sides. Bring the water back to the boil, reduce the heat to a visibly bubbling simmer, cover the pans and simmer the puddings for six hours regardless of their size. Even if you have doubled the quantities to make one huge pudding, six hours' cooking will still be enough. Check the water level every hour or so.

Cool the puddings, then remove their covering papers. Sprinkle a tablespoon more of brandy over them and re-cover them with unbuttered greaseproof paper and foil. Store the puddings in a cool place.

The whole idea of making Christmas puddings a few weeks or months in advance is ingredients to blend and mellow into mature flavours. There is therefore, no point at all in storing them in a freezer which simply holds the pudding in the freshest possible state. The same principle applies to rich Christmas fruit cakes.

On Christmas Day steam the pudding for two hours. Turn it on to a heated serving plate and pour about two tablespoons Soak the fruit in the wine warm brandy over it. Light the alcohol and take to table with blue brandy flames licking over the pudding.

Cakes and Characters by Bridget Ann Henisch, an exhaustive history of the evolution of Christmas cake, is published by Prospect Books,

ALAN FRANKS' DIARY



Season of goodwill and radical cheek

mentioned the Street Radical in

To put it at its simplest, the Radical has become a masculist. His rationale, as far as I can gather from garbled accounts in the Waterman's Arms, runs as follows: since the emancipation of the middle-class woman and the resulting rise of the modern father's domestic input the male is shouldering more and more of the domestic burden; if his wife (poor woman) had responded in equal measure by pulling in at least the fraction of a wage, then there would be

Instead, so he says, all that has happened is that her leisure has been enhanced, while his has been impaired. His colleagues at the advertising agency are right behind him on this one, and a deal has been struck. Next week they are to change places for a day, he will look after the two boys, she will go into the office to learn at first hand about the sharp end of wage slavery.

The school party is hoping to recruit a new Santa. Parvis Mattland did it last year, but after his concert and auction for forinight ago, he has tempornaintain his scarcity rahie. Miss Judd has approached the Street Radical in a bid to draw lock and him back into the fold of the but crisp.

PT4; he has declined with a "I've written statement which reads: started, "I am unable to take an active bloody. clearly traduces the spirit of Christain socialism."

Yesterday's lifestyle swap chez Radicals has proved instructive for both parties, but if he has his but not too much. way (which he usually does), the His silence was exercise will not be repeated. By piecing together the accounts of his neighbours, I gather that

what happened went something The boys - known locally as lan Botham and Henry Cooper embarked on a programme of civil disobedience not two minutes after their mother, glowing with purpose, had sailed from the house. If I say they cut up rough, I mean it quite literally. They took a

Leafing back through my recent to wall unless he did exactly asentries. I see it is a while since I they said. No sooner had he returned

any detail. Since the departure from the first school run than it. any detail. Since the departure of Petranella for richer crimes. I have been concentrating on the horrible Parvis Maitland, his family the Sub-Sloanes, and the philanthropic Jellybys. In terms of human interest, all three have limited shelf-lives, and it is high time to return to old and drooly. Suddenly the formula of function leading to the formula of the finding which had again in general production. Guardian leaders and Indian Test report receded into luxury items.

By tea-time, with the television blaring and the food being spread on the walls like a dirty protest, plus a mishap in Botham's pants, and four strange children brought back from school (very much es he does with his own colleagues). and the minute hand of the clock suddenly dropping a gear as it always does at such time the Radical was approaching a state of clinical madness and emitting strangled swears at his absent wife (who, incidentally, was by this time into her second Martini with "the lads" at the "office canteen", a very Sloaney pub in Kensington Church Street).

By 8pm the situation was largely unchanged, except that the four strange children had left, believing themselves to be in danger from this unstable man, and the fifth Martini was being downed in WS.

Having at last wrestled the boys (one with his shoes still on) into the bunk bed, the Radical realized that he needed Ethiopia at the church hall a a drink but could not - legally could not - leave the house. A arily withdrawn himself from sprint to the off-licence per-public service, the better to haps? No. What if his wife returned? It was about an hour lock and saw her enter, mellow

been trapped", he "Trapped in this

pressed, and barged past him to the weeping fridge.

"Good day, dear?". She was keeping the initiative, Drunk, His silence was eloquent, as

was the first moan of what was to become a major roar by the younger boy upstairs. She opened the Guardian at

the cricket and muttered: "Poor old Gower's not having much Silence. You haven't asked me how I

got on", she continued. "Ob. Yes. And how did you get on?

"Great. And you know what? You'll be delighted. They've offered me a job." Stanley knife to the Amtico and threatened to gouge it from wall

Clare Colvin meets Frances Donaldson, chronicler of the British Council, which is 50 today

Secret life of Council as an exporter of morris dancing to Tibet is being revised at last. And not before time, according to Frances Donaldson, who has spent three Britain's other years delving into its history. Her book on the council's development is published foreign agents today, the fiftieth anniversary of its first meeting. Although she did not apshe took with her a suitcase of

proach the subject completely cold - being married to Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, Minister for the Arts in the Callaghan government - she was still surprised by the range of its work. Like most people in Britain, she had had no idea that the council was involved in such diverse projects as inventing gadgets to speed up picking maize off cobs and research into why bufffaloes in India die

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the promotion of the arts: but ! have since seen that it has a very large educational role, and is also doing tremendous work in agriculture and medicine. It has lived in a state of uncertainty for the last 50 years, as each new foreign secretary has to be convinced of its worth, but in a miraculous way it has not only survived, but has steadily grown in the estimation of its host countries. It is only in Britain that is is largely unknown and unappreciated."

Because the council's work is difficult to explain and the results often long term, it has always been a target in drives against public spending. Lady Donaldson feels strongly that the latest £1m cut for 1985-86 (with inflation abroad it is closer to £2m) could harm Britain's relations with other countries, particularly if overseas offices are closed.

"All the offices abroad employ a large number of the nationals of that country. The four in India, for instance, employ 302 locals against 16 London-engaged staff. Closing an office means that the locally engaged staff must be paid off, the friends of Britain rejected.... It involves a statement that the country concerned is no longer sufficiently important to us. It does so much damage that it would almost be better if the British Council had never been

task and the paperwork was overwhelming Whenever Lady

Donaldson travelled abroad,

there in the first place."

files. She visited council offices in Europe, India and China. "As a biographer I found the

early history, dealing with men of such powerful personalities such as its founders, Lord Lloyd, and Rex Leeper, easier to write about than the endless government inquiries into the council in recent years", she At her terraced home in

Primrose Hill, north London, she is surrounded by bookcases Evelyn Waugh, P. G. Wodehouse, Muriel Spark, Graham Greene and Lawrence Durrell. She says she came late to writing, partly because of the inhibiting effect of her father, Frederick Lonsdale, the playwright. Lonsdale did not believe in the education of women or that anyone in his family, apart from himself, had a talent for

"He was a very charming man, but extremely unreliable in temperament. He was tremendously anxious that we should not think we were talented just because he was." Despite his lack of encourage-

ment, it was Lonsdale who launched his daughter as a biographer. She had already written two books on her farming experiences during the war, which had become bestsellers, and he asked her, shortly Condensing 50 years of a vast before his death in 1954, to write his biography. This led to and diffuse organization into 365 pages was an exhausting the authorized biography of P. G. Wodehouse, a memoir of Evelyn Waugh, and her biography of the Duke of Windsor.

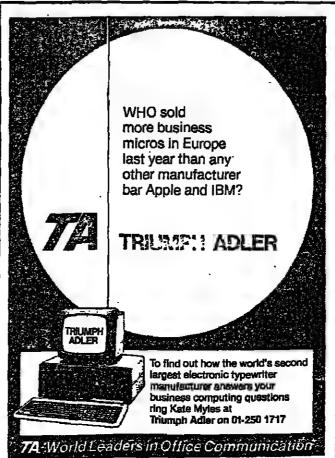


Wolfson History Award, Lady Donaldson can when she feels the subject merits it. In her book she calls Beaverbrook "one of

the few deliberately wicked men in British history', and recounts his 20-year campaign against the council when the leader pages of the Daily Express haired lads and lasses of the British Council". "Only three years ago when

first began researching the book whomever I spoke to would inevitably bring up the subject of Beaverbrook's persecution. It permeated the British Council for many years and had a depressing effect."

The British Council: the first 50 years is published today by Jonathan Cape, price £16 and will be reviewed in The Times



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THE TIMES DIARY

Following suit

The threat by chief whip Michael Cocks to take legal action against Labour's national executive has provoked wry grins in certain Labour quarters. They believe the investigation he is demanding into his constituency party may reveal more about his supporters' methods than those of the left who want him deselected. In 1982, the Bennite paper Tribune published details of a private meeting held at a Bristol hotel shortly before boundary changes pitted Cocks against Tony Benn for Bristol's one safe Labour seat. It was attended by right-wing trade union officials and John Golding, MP and NEC member. Golding who "expressed the need to protect Michael Cox's (sic) back against the far left", out Jined a plan to increase trade union representation on the management committees of constituencies where neither right nor left was dominant. The meeting suggested that trade unionists "could be offered the inducement of not actually becoming involved in the CLPs", but of simply registering and "only attending the annual meeting of the GMC or selection conference as necessary". Cocks beat Benn for the constituency nomination - helped by a sizeable trade union vote.

Labour scored another own goal yesterday. It came from MP Dick Caborn in the annual MPs v Press Gallery soccer match. Despite fielding 15 men, the politicians still

Christmas log

Tam Dalyell has received his first Christmas card. It bears the emblem of HMS Conqueror and is signed "With best wishes for Christmas and New Year from the president and members of the senior rates mess". The words "Proverbs 26:20" are written in the bottom corner. The verses in question read: "When the wood faileth the fire shall go out, and when the talebearer is taken away contentions shall cease."

Trimmed council

As Patrick Jenkins battles to defend bis local government Bill in the Commons this week, he will be delighted to know that another perpetual thorn in his side is apparently self-destructing. The majority on which Liverpool council depends to push through its promised illegal budget next year is fast evaporating. Yesterday morning Labour councillor Julian Clarke resigned over the council's appointment of a Militant-sympathiser as race relations adviser. Opposition Liberals are certain they will seize his marginal ward in the by-election. as they did another Labour ward two weeks ago. Another Labour councillor has been off ill for many against Labour's illegal budget proposals last year can be expected to do the same again. That reduces Labour's original majority of 17 to just two. One more waverer in a council already £17m overspent this year and Jenkin - for once - will be

• In the Literary Review Francis Wheen calls Clive James's latest poetry "caterwauling". Patricia House, in a lengthy attack in The Magazine, describes most of his recent work as "drivel". Such venom from two pundits in one month? Not really: "Miss House" is Francis Wheen's pen-name.

Extra duty

Islington Council may support the numers, but it is also making money from their dispute. For the use of a small room in the town half it is charging striking Welsh miners on l'undraising duties a sum believed to be almost £50 a week. "It's just ordinary, prudent, business - like , said a spokesman yesterday. It is not a practice adopted by other left-wing councils, however, Both Lambeth and Hackney have given miners' support groups office space - and are charging the pitmen



'It makes a change from hitting the

Reprieve

Channel 4 has apparently succumbed to the threats to "publicly execute" chief executive Jeremy Isaacs made by enraged Derby Muslims after last year's screening of The Blood of Hussein, a film highly critical of Pakistan's military regime. To "redress the balance". commissioning editor
Farrukh Dhondy is to view five soap operas made by Pakistani television and will screen the best next year. A Pakistani soap opera with sub-titles is more than a match for Dallas, he

"O God who knowest..." (second

Less money, more incentives

"The State, in organising security, should not stifle incentive, opportunity, responsi-bility; in establishing a national minimum. it should leave room and encouragement for voluntary action by each individual to provide more than that minimum for himself and his family."

Wise words indeed, but not mine. They were contained in a report commissioned by a previous minister without portfolio over 40 years ago. Sir William Beveridge was the author, and his report laid the foundation of the social security system. But what did we build on that foundation?

In 1949, the point at which a married man with two children began to pay income tax was twice his level of National Assistance. Today it is about the same as his supplementary benefit. Moreover, the supplementary benefit claimant who earns more than £4 a week has his benefit reduced pound for pound by the amount of his earnings - why should he bother, therefore, to take part-time or casual work or resist the temptation to earn more in the informal economy? If he can find full-time work, he may be no better off - in 1981 about 240,000 working families actually earned less than they could have received from supplementary benefit. Where now is incentive and

It is not just the effect on the individual which should concern us. Spending on social

Those great and good men, the leader-writers of *The Times*, who can sometimes be glimpsed by ordinary mortals weighing a phrase

or elaborating a metaphor as they

pace, with measured tread, the lapis-lazuli corridors of the area set aside

for their labours (where cool fountains, plashing into alabaster pools, refresh the air, and the organ

works of Buxtehude and Frescobal-

di, played con sordino, no less effectively calm the spirit), were

discussing, the other day, the matter

of Mr Arthur Scargill's communist

beliefs and affiliations. Their con-clusions were that although Mr Scargill has not been a member of

Britain for many years, his entire political stance, defined by countless

authenticated statements, fits the

CP's line, and makes it clear that he is one of those former members of

the CP who join the Labour Party

not because they have come to

abhor communism but because they

realize that only through the Labour

Party can they hope to impose their

beliefs on an electorate which will

With these conclusions I naturally agree, and would willingly have seen

them expressed even more forcibly.

(Mr Scargill's conduct, for instance,

towards the two Soviet miners who were imprisoned and tortured for

trying to start a miners' union - one

is now dead, and the other still in a

madhouse-prison - has been scan-dalous, and his attitude to Polish Solidarity no less so.)

Where I presume to take issue with this paper's voice is in the

matter of the categories of commu-nist in this country, of which the leader to which I refer recognized

only three: those whose membership

of the CPGB is open and undiluted; those who (like Mr Scargil) are not

members of the CPGB and do not

take orders from it, but nevertheless work for identical aims through the

Labour Party; and those who serve

the CP directly but covertly as

including all the other principal

parties (the Labour Party of course

predominating) and many trade

This view of the CP as the three-

headed Cerberus of communism is seriously out of date; it has not corresponded with the realities of

communist extremism in this

country, which now resembles the Hydra, for at least 20 years. Moreover, although it is often argued that the view I am about to

expound is no more than an exercise in semantics, I believe that it has

real political substance and that it

should no longer be excluded from

considerations of the threat to our

A few months ago, I listed no

fewer than 19 communist groupus-cules in this country, and the only thing that can be said with complete certainty about the catalogue is that it is now incomplete; the fissiparous-

ness of these organizations, con-

stantly rent by savage doctrinal disputes and the mutual reading of

anathemas, suggests the labours of a Stakhanovite amoeba, though to any normal eye the point at issue is

altogether invisible, even in the strongest light.

It will be apparent that the

organizations (some of which, incidentally, seem to have a

membership of one) are mostly of a

political stripe known colloquially as Trotskyist. But my point is that to

distinguish between a communist and a Trotskyist, is to declare that

twice six is different from thrice

four, and if anybody disagrees,

would he jot down on half a sheet of

writing paper what he thinks

The question this morning, brothers

and sisters, is how we address God.

It is one that has vexed God-bother-

ing humans from the Hebrew Tertragrammaton, YHVH, the ol-

dest four letter word, vowelled Jehovah or Yahweh, to King David

in Joseph Heller's new novel, who

addresses his Maker in much the

same terms as a New York taxi-

driver addresses a fare. In particular

there is a fine old row raging in

Wales about whether the Deity cares

about traditional English grammar.

The revised Book of Common Prayer for use in the Church in Wales came into use in October. It

modernized usage removed obvious

archaisms and, in the opinion of

purists, contained not only some

very shaky syntax but fundamental

errors of grammar. In particular it

was unsound on the person and number of its relative pronouns. The

rule is that a relative pronoun

always agrees with its antecedent in

person and number. So we have: "It is I who am wrong." The archaic English of the Book of Common

Prayer followed this rule invariably:

parliamentary democracy.

have nothing to do with the CP.

Communist Party of Great

by David Young

security is now about 30 per cent of all public spending - about £40bn next year. It has grown fivefold in real terms since Beveridge, and is still growing. The system has evolved in piecemeal fashion, compared with a the clear objectives set by Beveridge.

We all believe that the truly disadvantaged should be safeguarded against want one of Beveridge's "five giants on the road
to reconstruction". The others were disease, ignorance, squalor and idleness. Most of us today would say that only the last remains a giant to be slain. This is where my unease about the system lies. We should aim to relieve genuine need and we should concentrate our resources to that end.

If social security payments can in any circumstances act as an obstacle to individual incentive and employment, then we have come a long way from Beveridge.

There has been some research to confirm most people's intuitive feeling that the level of benefit paid to young people can act as a disincentive. Beveridge was sure of it and said so: "For boys and girls there should ideally be no unconditional benefit at all; their enforced abstention from work should be made an occasion of further training."

I am not saying that supplementary benefit for a 16 or 17-year-old is a king's ransom. But if we can offer young people good training, and it must be good, or a job, and there are still very many jobs for young people, why offer anything else? Living off the state does not represent an ideal start in life for a youngster.

We need to change attitudes, especially among the young, about claiming benefits. We must make training and education more relevant to the needs of employment in tomorrow's world. We must learn from our competitors. We need to look critically at the systems we have evolved for national insurance and tax to see if they act as a deterrent to employment. We should also get back to the Beveridge view of cooperation between the state and the individual in social security. There must be room, and incentive, for people to help themselves and their families.

But above all else we must fan the flame of enterprise. In the past 20 years the fire nearly went out. It is now burning vigorously. Anything that the Government can do to help, it will. But the enterprise must be the people's.

Lord Young of Graffham is Minister without Portfolio. This is extracted from a speech given yesterday to the Building Employers'

Bernard Levin: the way we live now

Beware of the hydra that threatens liberty



Selling Militant papers: nothing like today's roaring bazaar

Trotsky was if not a communist. There are two dangers in the widely held view that these organizations do not matter and that all our attention should be directed to the CP. The first concerns the view that because what they believe is ridiculous, what they do must be no less so. The second lies in the assumption that because they spend much of their energy fighting one another they have none left for damaging our democratic system or institutions. Both are fallacious.

For many years, the CPGB not only claimed a monopoly in the totalitarianism of the left, but truly exercised one. There was a single Trotskyite organization, the Revolutionary Communist Party, but it had only a shadowy existence, and there was nothing like today's roaring bazaar of the fascist left. The CP's organization, too, was an exceptionally efficient instrument; the party's leaders were obeyed without question by the rank and file, and its control over its colonies, such as the electricians' union, a grip established and maintained by fraud, forgery, deceit, slander and mendacity, was complete.

As the CP grew sclerotic and its leaders corrupt, its influence waned. The ETU was prised from its grip (with no help from the TUC), its unwavering support for the Soviet Union ceased to have any wide-spread appeal, its daily paper, which was always bad, became unreadable even by the most faithful Stalinist hack. As for recruitment, it has dried up almost completely, the young enrages of the 1960s, for instance, who might have been drawn to it in the days of its vigour, regarded it with contempt and derision, and would no more have joined the CP

than they would the Band of Hope or the Chastity League.

Into the resulting vacuum there was sucked a gallimanity of communist groups with all the

bigotry, dishonesty and totalitarian-ism of the CP, together with a ruthlessness that the older body had lost. For a long time, the most effective of these was the Socialist Workers' Party, capable of such workers Party, capable of such spectacular coups as creating vir-tually overnight a huge and bril-liantly organized front organization like the "Anti-Nazi League". The SWP, though it has many more members (mind you, we are still talking of only a few thousand people), has been somewhat overshadowed lately by the tiny Workers' Revolutionary Party, better known as Vanessa's Loonies, which has had its own successes, particularly with its newspaper. The International Marxist Group had a brief heyday in its turn, largely because of the extraordinary personality of Tariq Ali, who achieved the astounding feat of making tedium at brain-damage level hypnotically fascinating. Alas, Mr Ali broke one too many promises to return to Pakistan and carry on the fight there, and now he is too shopworn to be interviewed on television even by Mr John Pilger. But by far the biggest and most successful of the non-CP communist groups is, of course, the Militant Tendency, which works within the Labour Party: it has defied the received wisdom in its direct assault on localauthority Labour groups and parliamentary constituency parties, and in doing so had more success in a dozen years than the CP, by its methods of working mostly through the unions and entirely through

infiltration, ever had in half a

Now where does that leave us? None of these organizations has much positive effect, any more than the CP did, But just as the CP's effect, though negative, was at times very considerable (1 remain convinced that much of the postwardeding of Britain's protocolar industry, and still more that of shipbuilding and the docks, should be seen as triumphs for the CP's policy of damaging Britain wherever it could), so the effect of the SWP and the WRP is not to be discounted altogether. It takes somewhat different forms: the SWP, for instance, has frequently concentrated on causing public disorder, and its joy. inadequately disguised as mourning, at the death of Blair Peach, a readymade martyr for the cause, was as repulsive as it was expected.

But all these people, though they may disagree with some of the CP's policies and despise all of its leading figures, are still communists. So are the members of the Militant Tendency, and in more ways than one. The CP's ultimate goal was to control the Labour Party through the trades unions; Militant's is to do the same through a combination of its influence in the unions (patchy and not yet very widespread), the Parliamentary Labour Party (many fellow-travellers round a nucleus of declared supporters) and the local authorities and constituency parties (very large and growing very fast -vide the future ex-MPs for Stepney, Brent, Greenwich and Manchester

All this adds up to a formidable influence; the CP's dream of taking over the Labour Party was doomed from the start to be disappointed, but Militant's dream cannot be dismissed so easily. Its leaders have not made the CP's mistake of insisting on total control of the alliances and strike bargains wherever they can, just as Mr Livingstone of the GLC has managed to gather under his capacious umbrella a wide variety of groups and individuals who have only one thing in common - their determination to replace our democratic system by one that would ultimately be indistinguishable from that of Albania. The Militants, and to a lesser extent the SWP, are exceptions to the policy, which elsewhere among the non-CP communists rules unbroken, of practising mutual hate for their brothers in revolution; that indeed is why they are so successful, and why I said that the belief in the ineffectiveness of a movement so divided was a mistake, and categorized as equally misplaced the belief that views so extravagantly absurd in the eyes of the voters could never have any

To ignore a danger is to increase it. I believe we should be much readier to classify as communists those groups whose inspiration is a totalizarian vision, whether inspired by Marx, Lenin, Stalin, Mao or none of these. A simple typographical device will be sufficient to make the still useful distinction between the CP and its rivals for the honour of ushering in that grim dawn: let us write Communist when we mean the CPGB, and communist when we mean the others. But the form is less important than the substance. And the substance is a recognition that the evils of both Communism and communism now come in a wide variety of wrappings, and the eternal vigilance of those who believe in liberty should now be directed more than ever to stripping off those plausibly decorated coverings and uncovering the reality inside.

You could say that this is further evidence that the nice old distinc-tions of the relative pronoun are decaying fast, and that the younger generation do not know their "who". from their "whom" and do not care. You could say that scholarship, devotion, and relevance are more important than grammar. You could say (C. S. Lewis did say in his first Letter to Malcolm, deprecating frequent alterations to the liturgy): The perfect church service would be one we were almost unaware of; our attention would have been on God". You could say that, although no doubt God is no pedant, and understands our imperfect mumRobin Cook

A better way to spread the takings

I should have known better. It is not there could be a general and the first time I have witnessed a prolonged rally in the national the first time I have witnessed a. speech based on hours of diligent research and crafted with loving care, immortalized in print by a

single incautious parenthesis.

Last week I addressed the Annual Convention of Community Business Scotland, an umbrella for the 40 young, community-owned companies and cooperatives which have sprouted across some of the most deprived neighbourhoods, as a local

response to economic dereliction.

In the course of a half-hour examination of the daunting scale of unemployment and poverty con-fronting such areas, I happened to mention the case of the bookmaker's shop in Easterhouse, the sprawling demoralized bousing estate on the periphery of Glasgow. Despite the poverty of its surroundings, this enterprise proves the notion of a brisk cashflow and creams off from the community and into the balance sheet of its national chain a plump sum, estimated locally at half a million pounds a year. Why not, I asked rhetorically, a community-owned bookmakers so that at least the money was returned to the community through investment in jobs and support for local services.?

Next day I woke to discover my passing reference had blossomed in the Scottish press into "MP Backs Community Bookies". I am left with a grim foreboding that my postbag this week will confirm that my countrymen are not ready for social

ownership of gambling dens. Yet now that I am backed into this corner, let me defiantly again ask, why not? If we are serious about regenerating the Easterhouses of the country, how do we imagine that they will ever achieve self-sustaining growth so long as they are served solely by commercial enterprises, each of whom, from the bookie to the brewer, extract their profits for remittance to a national office, exploiting the council estate as though it were a sort of miniature Third World state?

Even those residents who are fortunate enough to hold a job are likely to find they are making regular contributions to superamation funds which would never dream of investing where its members actually live. Indeed, at one level the pension funds have become a device for undermining what is left of regional policy by transforming compulsory savings from the as-sisted areas into investment in the prosperous regions of the country.

The first stimulus to the mushrooming growth of community businesses has been the need to replace such extractive economies by genuine local economies with the opportunity for internal circulation of its income. The second is that it has uncomfortably dawned on those who have to grapple with the awesome social problems of areas where the local male unemployment rate may be over 40 per cent, that

economy with little perceptible impact on the very communities which have been hit worst by recession.

Hence the sudden outbreak of commercial companies registered by community groups and attempting to influence the outcome of market forces at local level in order to compensate for Mrs Thatcher's refusal to do so in the national economy. In my own backyard, a community group in an area of severe unemployment has formed its own company to convert a derelict bakery for small workshops, and now wrestles with an embarrassing problem of success, having attracted applications from insipient local enterprises which outstrip the capacity of the workshops threefold.

By supplying the right work space and offering a range of common office services and support, they have provided the catalyst for new businesses formed by local people. Appositely, the locals still boast that the generator in the basement of the old bakery provided the village with the first public street lighting in Scotland. Possibly the building now hosts a fresh innovation which will be exactly instituted. be equally imitated.

In tandem with this spread of community businesses, there has been a prodigious growth in worker cooperatives. Cooperatives are the fastest growing form of business organization in Britain, and one of the few in which new jobs are surfacing faster than old ones are going under. In the past two years the number of registered cooperatives in Britain had doubled, a geometric rate of progession which has enabled the Cooperative Development Agency to produce the speculative extrapolation that by the end of the century there will be a quarter of a million such units which will dominate the business sector. Moreover, the statistics reveal that the success rate for cooperatives is at east as good as for small business generally, and their proportion in manufacturing is actually much higher than the figure for conventional companies of similar size. This fresh crop of workers' cooperat-

ives, and its sister growth of community business, is proof of the attraction of the maxim that it is labour that should hire capital for its use, not capital that should harness labour for its ends.

These are trends which merit Government is preening itself on the wide ownership it has secured for British Telecom by converting it from being the property of over 50 million citizens to the assets of fewer than 2 million shareholders. At national level public ownership may be in retreat but at the grassroots received forms. social forms of ownership bave never been more popular.

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Digby Anderson

Permissive hosts must pay the bill

The party is over and the bills are coming in.

It is difficult to say exactly when combined in the scenario and

the permissive sex party started. Was the first eager guest the Lady Chatterley trial at the end of the 1950s? Were things at full swing when the Church of England's 1966 report. Putting Asunder, recommended that "the doctrine of the breakdown of marriage should be comprehensively substituted for the doctrine of matrimonial offence as the basis of all divorce?

It has certainly been a crowded party: the 1969 Divorce Act, the 1973 Matrimonial Causes Act, the legalization of adult homosexuality, easier, very much easier, abortions, increased hand-outs for that immoral conflation of the deserving and the undeserving, the "single parent family", contraceptives for children in defiance of their parents' wishes, activist education in sexual and "interpersonal" relations and now, learning on the door bell, desperate to get in before the ideological plank runs out, exper-

mentation with human embryos. This last guest will have to clamber over a mounting pile of bills: AIDS, linked to promiscuous homosexuality; herpes and gonorr-hoea both connected with increased promiscuity; breast and cervical cancer possibly by long-term use of the contraceptive pill, the latter also possibly linked with early sexual activity; and the growing problem, highlighted recently by the NSPCC,

of the sexual abuse of children.
Some can be costed: divorce running at 147,000 a year, 1,100 per cent up on the pre-war figure and costing perhaps £1,000m a year in legal bills, social security, child care and medical expense. Almost 35,000 abortions for the first quarter of 1984. Extrapolated for the year, that is 139,656 foetuses aged up to 150 days, killed at perhaps £500 each. And while 1960s taxpayers had £15m spent for them on one-parent

families, today's pay £1,000m. It must immediately be said that the totals on the bilis are disputed and, more important, some bills may be misaddressed. They are not all the straightforward results of permissiveness. Some can be read in a wholly opposite sense. Thus increased divorce has been offered as evidence of the health of marriage: partners having higher expectations of marriage repeatedly divorce and remarry in perfectionist

pursuit of them It is also possible that emphasis-ing the awful consequences of the sexual revolution may not be a reaction against it but a vicarious development of it. Americans are £2.95.

imagery of a mediaeval plague! But even when the most generous

allowances are made, one conclusion remains: it is now up to the progressives to defend their revolution. It can no longer be taken for Cast into doubt are its essential

assumptions: unlimited tolerance of different tastes; freedom for individuals to develop as long as they do not appear to be hurting others; and the dissolution of responsibility by reason. AIDS teaches that you cannot learn facts as yet unknown and that hurt to others may be indirect and unpredictable. The facts about cervical cancer remain stubbornly mobile and the taxpayers' bill for lone parents merits a discussion exceeded in complexity only by those of abortion and embryo experimentation.

The old wisdom, displaced by progressive gospel, no longer looks quite so passé. Its adherents did not question everything but followed religious and social conventions even when these appeared arbitrary or senseless. They accepted that men were capable of considerable viciousness and needed rules which had stood the test of time rather than that of reason. Desires were repressed by inculcated habit and deterrence. Repression was not then viewed as a bad thing. And a necessary corollary of the rules was the guilt, fear, scandal and stigma so denounced and derided by rational" progressives. They do not appear so obviously ridiculous

With hindsight we can see the progressive reforms were not founded on facts and reason but very limited information and question-able assumptions. In short, they were experiments. It is crucial that they should be reassessed. Such evidence as we now have is not sufficient to condemn them but it is enough to shift the burden of proof. It is no longer up to the sceptics to

show that the permissive revolution was a mistake it is for its increasingly beleaguered supporters to justify its continued incorporation in law and welfare provision. The bills are currently addressed to

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Only God knows Philip Howard: new words and new meanings person singular); "Through Jesus a "Lord, you" - petition into

himself used the Prayer Book, with "which art", "who shewest", and scores of other examples, as overwhelming evidence that "who" is not a third-person word, but a word of whichever person is appropriate.

The revisers modernized the second person singular "est" into the modern third person singular inflexion "-s" throughout. So "O God who seest" becomes "O God who sees". You could say that this is ungrammatical, much like, "You comes here often, doesn't you?" When you do say it, the

modernizers reply: "In seeking to remove the more obvious archaisms, our first instinct was to do what ASB has done, and to

Christ who liveth and reigneth..." statement. But on reflection we (third person singular). Fowler concluded that this was banal, and presumptuous. In any case, we were told not to use 'you' of the Deity. So we had a choice between 'Lord, who make' (but 'who' is indistinguishable in number in English, unlike qui, quae, quod) or 'Lord, who makes' with an implicit ellipsis - 'Lord, (you are the one) who makes'). Classical construction would find this unacceptable, but it is acceptable in terms of evolving English

> To this the purists reply indig-nantly that to address somebody, particularly somebody as important as God, in the vocative, and then to use the verb in the third person singular is quite unaceptable even in terms of evolving English usage. The Almighty himself has not yet blings, you might as well get the pronounced on the matter. Though I grammar right when addressing him.

think if I were at matins at Lampeter or glorious Llandaf, using the new Prayer Book, I might steal an apprehensive look at the vaulting when we came to the collect. We do not yet say, "You pedant, who thinks you knows all about English grammar"; or "Miss, you has written the wrong word on the

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DEEP WATERS

The United Nations convention on the law of the sea has been open for signature for two years. The period comes to an end on Sunday, One hundred and fortythree governments have signed out of a potential of 162, and another nine have signified their intention of doing so. The British government has not.

in its view the convention's regime for mining the bed of the ocean outside all territorial limits is unacceptable as it stands. Because of that, and because the convention must be taken whole or not at all, the government is prepared to stand aloof from all the other provisions of the convention covering such matters as territorial zones, the continental shelf, navigation and rights of passage, conservation of marine resources - in all of which Britain as a maritime nation has a high interest, and towards the definition of which it played a leading role in the proceedings of the conference.

Britain stands aside with the United States and West Germany. Other nations with active deepsea mining potential have signed, including the USSR, Japan, France, Canada and the Netherlands.

The mineral wealth of the deep seabed, in the form of concretions the size of potatoes containing nickel, copper, cobalt and manganese, was no sooner fully estimated than it was declared, in a florid phrase, "the common heritage of mankind". The concept was adopted by the United Nations. It means that those capable of raising the nodules to the surface should not sail away with the entire benefit from doing so; the benefit is to be spread; and for that some international regulatory authority is required.

So much was pretty well universally accepted, both as flowing naturally from the legal status of the oceans, which are incapable of being owned or annexed beyond territorial limits, and for the avoidance of conflict. Under pressure of new and important rights and dwindling reserves of recover- duties which may be regarded as able minerals the outbreak of a contractual between the parties. kind of wet imperialism was. And in any case the likelihood of reminiscent of the feared. Scramble for Africa. That pros-

pect looked livelier fifteen years or so ago when the "Club of Rome" was making the running with its geometrical progressions, predicting that mankind would be running out of more or less everything early in the twenty-first century. The panic has subsided, but the case for a well-founded international regime for the eventual exploitation of these resources remains strong.

The regime which the United Nations elaborated is excessive. It is politically overweight; it is given too ambitious a role in mining operations; it has too much power to tax and manage the market in these minerals; and it is too free to poach everyone's technology.

To the incoming United States administration in 1981 all this was anathema (although the outgoing administration had been largely instrumental in the compromise embodied in it). Neither that brand of internationalism nor that kind of commercial regulation was to its liking. Soon the United States broke with the conference and convention, and the President reserved for his country a go-italone position.

"Deep seabed mining remains a lawful exercise of the freedom of the high seas open to all nations," he declared. That embroidery upon Grotius rests on the proposition that the extraterritorial ocean and its floor are res nullius, the property of no one and therefore up for grabs. Alternatively, they are res communis, the property of all and exploitable only by common consent. The latter view is the better in law.

In this case inside looks better than outside. There are first of all the manifold benefits to a seafaring nation of the maritime parts of the convention. The government's advisers take a relaxed view about that, arguing that the provisions largely codify customary law and so their application will reach us anyway. But the convention contains also "challenge and litigation is greater for non-ratifying states.

As for mining, the admittedly overblown and restrictive nature of the regulatory and operating bodies envisaged is capable of modification in the hands of the preparatory commission which is in the early stages of its work. There is a common interest between the nations of the third world and the nations with the technology and financial resources to mine the seabed in achieving a commercially satisfactory context for exploitation. An apparatus that merely stultifies the enterprise benefits no party, except a handful of states sitting on reserves of scarce minerals. Britain would be more effective playing a full part in the work of the preparatory commission than signalling from outside an unspoken and unreal intention to take international law into its own hands and mine despite them all,

The British government has

not openly despaired of a workable deepsea mining regime emerging from the maw of the United Nations. Nor has it mimicked President Reagan's declaration of independence. Wisely. The mining companies may find the prospective con-ditions imposed by the convention too onerous. But the alternative prospect of nationally staked claims, which would be challenged in the international court and contested politically and conceivably on the water, is no more attractive. Mining under the guns of the US Navy would not be favourable to investment on the prodigious scale required for this enterprise. The best way forward remains what it was, the establishment of a stable legal frame accorded universal recognition.

If that is so, the question for the British government is one of tactics. The convention does not come into force until sixty states have ratified, which may be ten years away. The present outlook in the minerals market puts commercial exploitation of the scabed well into the next century. How can Britain's influence for the achievement of a tolerable international regime be best applied during that interval? Is there better purchase inside or outside the organization (shades of Unesco), it being open to us to accede to the convention at a

THE MAN IN THE WHITE COAT

Every Test team that wins suffered much worse in Pakistan succeeds entirely through its own efforts; when a team loses, however, it is very umusual if bad umpiring is not invoked to share some of the blame. The first thing to be said about England's performance at Bombay in the thirteenth Test they have played without a single win (a record run of consistent play for England) is that the team's batting in the first innings more or less settled the outcome of the match. The best umpire in the world (or the most indulgent) could scarcely have saved them. That said, it may be added that some of the decisions given against them looked decidedly odd.

Gavaskar, the Indian captain. (wisely making no comment on the umpiring of this particular match) suggested afterwards that it might be time to abandon the practice of having Test matches presided over by umpires of the host country, and that instead neutral umpires should be used, chosen from a list drawn up by international agreement. India

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JUDY LEVY.

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Letters to Russia

From Miss Judy Levy

not long ago, and the New Zealanders are having a rough time there at the moment.

The tradition of trusting the umpire of the host country is one of those civilised details which distinguish cricket from, for instance, international football. It would be sad to lose it, but once the trust has declined too far, it is unrealistic to maintain the mere forms. Politics and publicity have raised the pressures on everyone involved in Test cricket to a very high pitch. and teams cannot play their best. if they suspect that the dice are loaded against them. These tensions affect umpires too, and the convention of their infallibility has been undermined by the instant action replay. In most cases, including this one, there is no suggestion of intentional bias. It is more a matter of confusion or of inability to resist the psychological pressure of a jubilant team (and 20,000 spec-

tators) shricking "how's that?". Lack of experience is the real is almost the only nation with a considerable number of umpires used to standing regularly in first-class matches. The proposed neutral panel would have the effect of denying this body of experience to all Tests involving England. A panel chosen as individuals for service anywhere might avoid this difficulty, but would unavoidably have invidious overtones from some national points of view. The expense of globetrotting umpires would be high, and the problem would still remain of tactfully intimating to an ageing panellist that the time had come for him

to draw stumps. But discontent among players may be at a point where some form of panel arrangement is inevitable, to avoid worse conflicts. A more satisfactory longterm remedy would be an international scheme, developing an experiment at Lords a few years ago, which regrettably lapsed, to bring Commonwealth umpires to Britain for a season to gain experience, and to take it

problem, not chicanery. England home with them.

systems application and implementation sides of the industry.

substantial pool of graduates and others, skilled in disciplines not directly connected to IT, many of whom could be converted into information technologists, interpret-ing the latter in the broad sense. It would be relatively easy and inexpensive to carry out this conversion task in conjunction with existing institutions if some national

required in this field - undoubtedly necessary in the long run - may leave development and implemen tation high and dry in the UK for other nations to pick up and garner the harvest that awaits skilful

Yours faithfully, P. G. MOORE, Principal, London Business School, Sussex Place, Regent's Park, NWI. November 22

Technology gap

19 Shaftesbury Avenue,

From Professor P. G. Moore Sir, The letter from Professor Burnett, of Edinburgh, on informaton technology you published on November 21 was timely. It reinforced the view held by many of us working in business schools that the current gap lies not so much in the area of hardware technology and the scientific aspects of new languages, but in our national inability to translate what aiready

exists into meaningful uses that have a commercial return. For this purpose, the principal area of current deficiency lies in people skilled in the software,

There already exists in the UK a

lead could be given. I fear that the continued emphasis the further basic research exploitation.

Public spending

From Mr Robert Wright

Sir, I agree with William Plowden (November 15) that the best way to improve the processes by which the Government sets expenditure priorities is to build on existing institutions. But I cannot see how reliance on any central unit to order priorities can solve the problem. Indeed, over centralization contrib-

utes to the problem. Perhaps we can learn something from the Canadians in this respect. Each year the Canadian Cabinet collectively decides broad priorities between objectives and splits up the overall budget accordingly smaller pots (or "envelopes") for each major policy sector (social development, economic development, defence, overseas, etc).

The pots are then handed to committees made up of the ministers of the departments pursuing programmes in the relevant policy sectors. In these sectoral committees ministers have to determine priorities and fund programmes whilst remaining within the overall finanacial ceiling imposed by the pot handed down from the Cabinet.

If someone takes a larger share, someone else must take a smaller share. Who better to make such decisions than those who are responsible, unlike the Treasury or the CPRS (Central Policy Review Staff), for the outcome?

The Treasury still has an important part to play in such a system. They advise the Cabinet on the overall budget, do the bookkeeping for the expenditure committees and brief the committee members collectively on the expenditure implications of the options before them. Priority setting, however, is properly decentralized to those who are responsible for delivering results in accordance with the priorities so determined. Yours faithfully. ROBERT WRIGHT. 15 Duriston Road,

Kingston-upon-Thames,

Surrey. November 16.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Human life and Christian conscience

From the Bishop of Norwich

college?

with a warning

days is banned.

Sir, Are we to infer that the letter

from the President of the Royal

College of Obstetricians and

Gynaecologists (November 29) is

the official and unanimous mind of

the members of this honoured royal

Referring to Down's syndrome

and other handicaps, he calls for more embryo research and finishes

Those who would deny the possibility of preventing these terrible handicaps must bear a heavy responsibility if the recommendation of the Warnock committee on embryo research up to 14 days is beyond

Professor MacNaughton makes no

reference to the work of Professor

Jerome Lejeune, who first estab-

lished that Down's syndrome was

due to an error in the chromosomes

and should be done, without the

touched on the central moral point,

Not only is the Christian conscience of the nation being

even more widely aroused, in

compassionate concern for the life of

nospitals

Braine, MP, col 5411

October 31, col 542);

when he said:

Good neighbours go unrewarded

From Mr P. F. Poulton

Sir, I refer to the recent announcement that British insurance companies are to raise the premiums charged to homeowners by a substantial amount, due to the rise in burglary, etc.
Whilst I understand the reason for

this, from a business point of view. what I can't understand is the lack of clear thinking on the part of the insurance companies.

· Together with many other volunteers we civilians, for our own good, have banded together in groups and defined our areas into neighbourhood watch areas, working with the local police crime-prevention teams to beln fight crime

It works; statistics supplied by our police, after one year in operation, prove that beyond doubt. The neighbourhood watch scheme grows

The insurance companies are benefiting from this public action, but the British Insurance Association are doing nothing to help us. I wrote to the association twice for help, first to help pay for neighbourhood watch signs, at present paid for by the volunteers (except in the Metropolitan area). Again I wrote the association suggesting their member insurance companies do not put up premiums to those persons actively engaged in neighbourhood watch areas, which act as an incentive to further volunteers.

The answer to both letters was negative. We are all asked by our Government to actively support neighbourhood watch and our police and we are answering the call. It would appear the insurance companies are not at all interested even if, in the long run, they will benefit from our efforts.

Sincerely, PHILIP F. POULTON, 94 Wolsey Road, Moor Park, Northwood, Middlesex.

Famine in Ethiopia

From Dr W. E. Ormerod

Sir, Those who have studied the zones of Africa south of the Sahara will not be unanimous in support of Dr Hiskett's view (November 20) that Nigeria has avoided the famine that afflicts Ethiopia because of its use of Western techniques of agriculture.

His statement that agricultural and livestock productivity of the Niberian Sahel has improved spectacularly over the last thirty years cannot go unchallenged. Rising population, the introduction of new crops and the use of fertilizers have, m nausaland, brought unstable land into production and disrupted traditionally stable agricultural practice.

Disease control increased the size of the national herd until the mid-1960s when drought began to take its toll; since then land degradation has continued as in all other Sahelian countries.

Statistics are unavailable or unreliable; but one important point emerges: thirty years ago Sahelian Nigeria exported a large surplus of eroundnuts: today there is a deficit. It is untrue that northern Nigeria has been unaffected by drought famine. It has been affected to the same extent as the whole Sabelian zone, but Nigeria, with its great resources, has been in a better position than others to contain the

It is unhelpful and misleading to gloss over the severe problems of northern Nigeria and to ignore the unpalatable conclustion drought in the Sahel, in Ethiopia and particularly in northern Nigeria is essentially the result of uncontrolled land use which has resulted in its degradation. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

W. E. ORMEROD, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Keppel Street, WCl. November 22.

Proof positive

From Mr Gavin Ewart

Sir, As so much trouble is always caused when BBC and other commentators (as now in India) criticise overseas umpires for wishful decisions when batsmen are given out as caught in the slips or when playing "bat-and-pad" shots to slow bowlers, might it not be possible to design a bat with an electronic device that would produce a loud and characteristic bleep if it were touched by the ball?

There would then be no doubt as to whether contact had been made and a good deal of bad feeling would be avoided. Yours etc.

GAVIN EWART. 57 Kenilworth Court. Lower Richmond Road, SW15.

Strategic wealth

From Professor J. Nutting

Sir, Your leading article (November 15) on "Oddities of the stockpile". following from an earlier report that the Government has decided it is no longer necessary to hold a strategic metal stockpile, raises some important issues which are worthy of further consideration.

The metals which have been stockpiled are those for which we have no indigenous resources or other readily available external sources should disruption of our normal supply develop. They are metals which are critical to the production of high-temperature alloys used in aircraft engines and chemical engineering plant. They are also compounded to produce special alloys for cutting tools used in the whole of our engineering industries.

These strategic metals go initially chiefly to the many private sector alloy makers, not British Steel, as indicated in your leader, to make semi-finished products which then

go to the engineering industry. Metals have long been used as a means of storing wealth, hence our national stock of gold. Strategic metals are at least equal to gold for this purpose insofar as there is a ready market for them. They are not too bulky and are therefore easy to store, and with only minimal precautions, they do not deteriorate in store. But in many respects they are more valuable than gold, for they can always be used by our industries. Of the total world production of gold at the present time, only 10% is used industrially; the remainder finds its way chiefly into national vaults as a wealth store

House of Lords. November 29. From the Reverend Dr N. M. de S. Professor MacNaughton

and the Government would be wise

to put a moratorium on such

EXPERIMENTS HOW.

MAURICE NORVIC.

Yours faithfully.

(November 29) writing with all the authority of the Royal College of Obstetricans and Gynaccologists, avers that a heavy restonsibility rests on those who would ban the experimental use of the human embryo, in the light of the major opportunities for research which "human material" presents. The real question is what "human material"

is meant to mean. My toe-nail clippings are "human material", but so am I. I doubt whether they deserve any kind of protection from experimental use, but I rather think that I do.

and who publicly stated that successful research is being done, And what is the human embryo? cultivation of human embryos for research (see House of Commons There is really no doubt at all that the product of conception in any Hansard, November 23, Sir Bernard species, Homo sapiens included, is a small but genetically complete new member of that species, requiring only nurture in an hospitable Mr Patrick Nicholls, MP (col 541) environment to bring it to maturity. Even in humans, gestation in tucro is unnecessary, and current research on the development of an artificial placenta will before long prove this

Even if Professor Lejenne were wrong, and the only way of carrying out research was by experimenting on embryos, does my Hon Friend agree that if the destruction of human life is wrong, the fact that a benefit might flow from it, cannot justify it? before our very eyes. That is why there is an element of dissimulation in Professor Mac-Naughton's sugmatising of objec-tions to embryo vivisection as In our earlier debate, and with his arising out of "particular moral and usual lucidity and humanity Lord religious views", as if the grounds of Denning asked the key question opposition to the practice were in about the nature and status of the some sense arbitrary or the fruit of embryo, when speaking in this House (House of Lords Hansard, some sectarian dogma. This is by no means the case.

There is not the slightest doubt that what Warnock recommends is Is it a thing? God forbid! It is not a the licensing of deleterious and thing... I would suggest that the only logical point at which the law could start involuntary experimentation upon human subjects. Whatever benefits is that the child, the human being, starts at the moment of conception and fertilization... From that moment there is a living human being which is entitled to protection just as much as the law protects a child... If it [the law] does may be held to be likely to accrue from such research (and your correspondent is altogether too sweeping in his dismissal of alternative research options, such as protect it in this way, it cannot be sold or bought, it cannot be destroyed, it cannot the use of animal embryos), what be experimented upon for research or the

price are we being asked to pay?

Every civilised medical tradition has set itself against the experimental use of human subjects and the lone exception in our own century continues to chill the spine by its very name.

defenceless human embryos, but In consigning the weakest and men and women of the broadest smallest of our fellow humans to be bred in laboratories and to live and ethical and moral principles are beginning to realise that to open this to die in the aid of experimental Pandora's box of genetic engineering results we would degrade also is to endanger the very basis of human and family life as we know ourselves and our every claim to respect the rights of man, and we would accept the logic of the slaver and the white supremacist and the The reports of experimentation Jew-baiter, whose claim has all along which are coming in from both been that, for what we deem to be good and worthy purposes, there are fellow members of the species whose clearly indicates, as the Secretary of State for Social Services, Mr rights can be erased so that they may Norman Fowler, suggested (House become the means to our own ends. of Commons Hansard, November Yours faithfully,

23, col 529) that interim arrange-N. M. de S. CAMERON, ments before the introduction of Rutherford House. legislation may be necessary at once, 17 Claremont Park, Edinburgh,

the same discipline.

Yours faithfully.

2 The Close, Norwich, Norfolk.

than the other lot.

of priorities.

Yours faithfully.

L. W. JACKSON.

Billinge. Nr Wigan, Lancashire.

From Mr L. W. Jackson

IAN COUTTS.

In the local government field

much stress has been laid on value

for money audits and much has been

achieved in that direction. Perhaps

the time has now come and the

universities should be subjected to

Sir. I am a Conservative supporter

mainly because I think they are likely to do the country less harm

to learn of so many Tory MPs

baying in full chase after the

Secretary of State for Education and

Science over extra costs to a few tens

of thousands of privileged parents

for the support of their student

offspring. Those who are affected

should be well able to afford it: if not

it does not say much for their sense

objection is a sure vote-loser with

the bulk of the electorate. The protesters should think again.

This massive and unedifying

As such, I find it most distasteful

Student grants

From Mr I. D. Coutts

Sir, In the current controversy over university grants much is heard about the burden this will place on parents. Very little has been said about the university costs that give rise to the need to increase income. Possibly, now that parents will be more directly involved in the financing of universities they will take more interest in how the universities spend their money.

I am member of a university council, but regretfully have been unable to obtain any cutback in the level of non-teaching expenditure. In a university with 4,000 students we have recently increased the number of porters and security men to 55. This is the same number of police that a town of 33,000 people will have to be satisfied with.

It may seem excessive that our adult students are to be given supplementary security at this level. In addition, we have 23 groundsmen and eight boilermen. We have five students on full-time sabbatical paid leave whereas a college of further education of the same number of students would have one or two.

We have another range of staff concerned with the counselling of students at a cost of several tens of thousands of pounds per annum.

University challenge

From Dr A. H. Seville

Sir. Your central pages today (November 29) make three separate references 10 universities. Your second leader on student grants, in attempting to justify arbitrary and sudden cuts, queries the efficiency of universities, at a time when they have never before made such good use of resources.

Next, your first leader accuses universities of harbouring communists who manipulate and subvert them, at a time when universities are politically stable to the point of

And finally you give space for Professor Howard, in an article on Churchill to state that those concerned about tenure are, like the miners, not concerned with adding to the nation's wealth - and this at a time when the professional and vocational contribution of universities is at a height.

Sir, your new technology has not done away with the stereotype. ADRIAN SEVILLE, Academic Registrar,

The City University.

Northampton Square, EC1.

In times of national adversity strategic metals increase far more rapidly in price than does gold and therefore we have to draw on our gold reserves to buy them if we wish to maintain our industrial activity.

Would it not be better, therefore, to maintain and add to our stockpile of strategic metals whilst their prices are reasonable? Would it not be better to count these stategic metals, together with gold, as part of our national wealth reserve rather than let the stockpile be looked upon as a nest-egg to be raided by the Department of Trade and Industry to balance its books in times of financial stringency? Vours faithfully JACK NUTTING (Chairman, Executive Committee, The Materials Forum),

The University of Leeds, Leeds, West Yorkshire,

Master mariner left in lurch

From Captain William Cooper Sir, Recently you published some features on the poor state of engineering in Britain. Last week I visited the library of the British Council in Rome to consult a

Standard engineering text. This is a big library, very well staffed, but I found to my dismay that the entire stock of engineering books could have been fitted in a briefease. Worse: in an adjoining salon was an exhibition marking 400 years of publishing by the Cambridge University Press. In this exhibition were many learned books on subjects I would have considered non-existent from a practical point of view, but not one book on

engineering in any form, Throughout the libeary there were shelves of obscure poets' works, plays by dramatists long since forgotten, works on flower arranging knitting, and books of expensive reproductions of works of art, the originals of which are on display round the corner. And a staff, apparently consisting of narrowly educated arts graduates, dedicated to the erudite taste of taking in each

others' intellectual washing.
I understand the British Council exists at taxpayers' expense to represent British culture abroad. An essential part of our culture, the part on which the whole structure of our art, literature and prosperity depends, is the achievement of our engineers, nautical, structural, elec-trical and so on. The Praish Counce are at present failing to discharge Yours faithfully

WILLIAM COOPER, Master Brush Ship Fare Well, At Fromara Grande.

November 19,

Well remembered

From Mr James Wilkinson Sir, The Engineering Council have scored an own goal with their fullpage advertisement (November 28) pleading, among other things, for engineers to be memorialised in Westminster Abbey.

The council seem not to be aware that the engineering profession is well represented in the abbey. Among those commemorated there are James Watt (a bust in St Paul's Chapel), George Stephenson (window on the north aisle of the choir), and Isambard Kingdom Brunel (window on the south side of the

Thomas Telford is buried in the nave while Benjamin Baker, Richard Trevithick, Sir John Wolfe-Barry - the architect of Tower Bridge - and Sir Henry Royce are

commemorated in windows on the north side of the nave. It would be interesting to know which engineers of more recent vintage the Engineering Council

think deserve an abbey memorial. Yours faithfully. JAMES WILKINSON. 31 Elm Bank Gardens, Barnes, SW13

Licensed friendship

November 30.

From Mr L. W. N. Camp Sir, Your leader today (November 30) argues in favour of the Government's proposal to empower local authorities to set their own dog licence fee because it will allow them to set fees sufficient to cover the particular local costs of "measures to make the place sate and decent

against dogs". Yet I am hardly aware of any such measures, apart from street-cleaning (which, after all, goes on for other reasons, tool and a certain amount

of rounding up of strays. If, as I suspect, the true reason for this proposal is that it will divert dog-owners' anger from the Government to local authorities, may I accuse your leader of barking up the wrong tree? Yours faithfully.

LUCIAN W. N. CAMP. 44 Howitt Road, NW3. November 30.

From Mr John A. Huntley Sir, It would take an Old Etonian. dripping wet from the Think Tank, to resurrect the emotive issue of dog licences. Imagine the proud glow of awareness that the licence cost more to collect than it raised in revenue. Perhaps the under-secretary thinks he can solve the unemployment problem - there will be dog wardens, dog vans, dog inquisitors, even dog exterminators

There will have to be a quanço. paid £90 a day plus expenses, to advise on whether the partiallyqualify for exemption; lawyers will have to define a sheepdog - perhaps a dog that

chases sheep. Perhans there will be exemption for old-age pensioners and exemption for those on supplementary

benefit etc. Come, come, Mr Waldegrave, exercise that brain. Abolish the dog licence and you may take the credit. Yours sincerely,

JOHN A. HUNTLEY. Boxwell Farm, Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

November 29.

From Miss Meriel Biggs Sir, No licence for those predators

bell the cats - humanely? Yours faithfully, MERIEL BIGGS, Farnaby's, Elgin Road, Weybridge, Surrey. December 2.

who cat my goldfish, scratch up my seed beds, pluck out my struggling onion sets (never their own), prey on nestling and fledgling songbirds, and enrage my foundling dog, whose street manners, astonishingly, happen to exemplary? Is there no latter-day Douglas to



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BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 4: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace

his morning.

Mr Bernard Speight had the honour of being received by Her Majesty on his retirement as tant Surveyor to the Sandringham Estate.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron

and Trustee, attended Receptions at St James's Palace today for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. His Royal Highness, President of

the National Playing Fields Association, this evening attended a dinner to mark the retirement of the Director-General and Secretary of the Association (Lieutenant-Colonel R. G. Satterthwaite), at the Savoy Hotel, WC2 The Duke of Edinburgh, attended

by Major the Hon Andrew Wigram, was received by the Chairman of the Association (Mr Sandy Gilmour). The Princess Anne. Mrs Mark Phillips and Captain Mark Phillips, attended by Mrs Richard Carew Pole and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter London, this morning from the Inited Arab Emirates.

Lady Susan Hussey has suc-ceeded Mrs John Dugdale as Lady Waiting to The Queen, KENSINGTON PALACE December 4: The Prince of Wales

this morning received the Lord Maclean,
His Royal Highness, Vice-Patron,
The Bruish Council, attended a
Beard meeting at 10 Spring
Gardens, SWI. The Hon Edward Adeanc was in

The Prince of Wales this evening cave a dinner party at Kensington Palace for architects and others interested in architecture.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, this morning visited The Royal School for the Blind at Leatherhead,

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Lieutenant-Commander
Eberic, RN were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE December 4: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon today visited Derbyshire and was received on arrival at East Midlands Airport by

Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Derbyshire (Colonel Peter Hilton). Her Royal Highness, as President of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, attended a luncheon given in aid of the Society at the Co-operative Society's Regency Rooms, Ilkeston, Her Royal Highness later visited the

Town Hall, Ilkeston.
The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this afternoon at a Service of Thanksgiv-

Memorial service Mr A. Shrimsley

The Prime Minister was represented by Mr John Gummer, MP, Paymaster General and Chairman of the Conservative Party, who gave on address at a service of thanksgiving for Mr Anthony Shrimsley held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Ontes officiated, assisted by Rabbi William Wolff. Mr Bernard Shrimsley heather and Sir I street. Lamb. Editor of the Daily Express, read the lessons. The Secretary of for Foreign and Commi wealth Affairs was represented by Mr Richard Ryder, MP. Others present included:

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Mr. Liping of West Green thomorary
or and deputy chairman, Conservaurty: with fit Christopher Lewson
or of marketing; and Sir Anthony
characters of extentioning.

ing held at Derby Cathedral, and received purses on behalf of the NSPCC. Her Royal Highness afterwards attended a Reception given on behalf of the Society at the Assembly Rooms, Derby.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon later opened the new buildings of the Derby Young Men's Christian Association.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by The Lady Glenconner, KENSINGTON PALACE

December 4: The Duke of Gloucester. Pre dent. Institute of Advanced Motorbus, this afternoon received Mr F. M. Pickering. Chairman, and Mr R. B. Peters,

Chief Executive and Secretary.
The Duchess of Gloucester.
President of Cities of London and
Westminster Home Safety Council. was present at the London Electricity Board Home Safety Luncheon at the House of Lords. London, SW1.
Mrs. Howard Page was in

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

December 4: The Duchess of Kent this afternoon visited the Park Lane Fair, in aid of the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Work-shops, at the Park Lane Hotel, London. Mrs David Napier was in

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

December 4: Princes Alexandra, Chancellor, this afternoon presided at a congregation for the conferment of higher and honorary degrees at the University of Lancaster.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Lady Mary Fritzlan-Howard was matternoance.

The Queen has secepted the resignation of Lieutenant-General Sir David House, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod and Serjeant-at-Arms attending the Lord Chance-lor, to take effect from Monday, January 14, 1985, and has approved the appointment of Air Chief Marshal Sir John Gingell to fill the

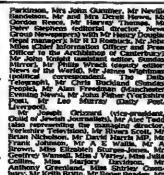
A memorial service for Lord Harris will be held in Canterbury Cathedral today at 11.45.

A memorial service for the Hon Sir Anthony Berry, MP, will be held at St Margaret's, Westminster, today

at noon. A memorial service for Sir William Duncan will be held at St Columba's Church, Pont Street today at noon, A memorial service for Dr. A. W.

Franklin will be held at St Bartholomew-the-Great. West Smithfield, today at 12.30.

A memorial service for Major C. A. (Monkey) Robertson will be held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks today at noon.



House in Landon yesterday.
Present were: front row, the present vice-chiefs: 1, Air Marshal Sir Peter Harding: 2, Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Stanford: 3, Lieutenant General Sir

To mark the lapse of the posts of the

and Air Staff, past and present vice-chiefs held a huncheon at Admiralty

Behind them, their predecessors: 4, General Sir John Stanier; 5, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir William of the Royal Air Force Sir William Dickson 6, Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Terry, 7. Lieutenant General Sir Herold Redman; 8, Admiral Sir

9, Air Chief Marshal Sir Edmand Indieston: 10, Admiral of the Fleet

Luncheons

HM Government The Hon George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, yesterday was host at a buffet luncheon held at Dover House, Whitehall, on the occasion of the visit to London of the Right Rey John M. K. Paterson, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Corporation of London The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Alderman and Sheriff David Rowe Ham, was a speaker at a luncheon given yesterday at the Mansion House by the Police Committee of the Corporation of London. Deputy Edwina Coven presided and the other speakers were the Secretary of State for the Home Department and Mr Brian Wilson.

Mr Brian Wilson.

Among those present were Members of both Houses of Parliament, the Director of Public Prosecutions, aldermen, members and high officers of the Corporation of London, the Commissioner and members of the City of London Police, chief constables and members of other police forces.

Commonwealth Parliamentary

Association Mr Lewis Carter-Jones, MP, and Mr Paul Dean, MP, were hosts at a luncheon given yesterday in the House of Commons by the

Lord Hill-Norton; II, General Sir Lord Hill-Norton; 11, General Sir Victor FitzGearge-Balfour; 12, Gen-eral Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick; 13, Lieutenant General Sir William Pike; 14, Air Marshal Sir John Nicholls; 15, Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Fietcher; 16, Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Bromatic 17, Admiral Sir Brian Burnett; 17, Admiral Sir Authory Morton; 18, Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Smallwood; 19, Marshal Sir Denis Smallwood: 19, Air Chief Marshal Sir Ruthwen Wale; 20, General Sir David Fraser; 21, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward Ashmore; 22, Air Chief Marshal Sir David Craig; 23, Air Chief Marshal Sir Joha Treacher; 25, Air Chief Marshal Sir Joha Treacher; 25, Air Chief Marshal Sir David Evaus; 26, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin.

executive committee of the UK branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association in honour of the New Zealand High

Brooker and Gordon Partnership

Lord Lucas of Chilworth, Parlia-mentary Under-Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and Mr Donald Grant, Director-General of the Central Office of Information, were the principal guests at the Brooker and Gordon Partnerhsip winter luncheon held at the Royal Automobile Club yesterday.

Mr Romie Gordon and Mr Andrew Brooker's guests included:

Dinners

HM Government
Lord Glenarthur. Parliamentary
Under Secretary of State. Department of Health and Social Security.
was host at a dinner held at
Lanesster House last night in
honour of a delegation of nurses
from China.

Pharmaceutical Society of Great The President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, Dr Hopkin

The engagement is announced between Philip James Black, of

Forthcoming

Mr P. J. Hack Miss S. J. Colbura

Dr A. M. C. Drane and Miss L. J. Munday

Mr G. T. Gent and Miss H. R. Jacobs

Mr R. J. Taylor and Miss A. L. Weyland

Mr D. M. D. A. Wheatley

and Miss V. C. R. Hewett

Mr D. Williams and Miss J. E. Teager

The engagement is announced between Richard James, younger son of Mr and Mrs C. R. Taylor, of Llandudno, Wales, and Anita Injer, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Weyland, of 7 St Leonard's Terrare, London, SW3

Dr C. Hollis

The engigement is aunounced between Gerard, elder son of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Gent, of Turieigh, Wiltshire, and Helen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward

Jacobs, of Horsted Keynes, Sussex.

marriages

OBITUARY

MR LAYTON SLATER Defender of Press freedom in South Africa

ing Company, South Africa's stan Printing and Publishing conduct should be removed was largest English-language news- Company. paper group. He was widely respected for his opposition to government racial policies and

restrictions on press freedoms.

Born in Johannesburg on
January 27 1916 he joined

Argus in the accounts department of The Star in Johannes-burg, and at the outbreak of war was secretary accountant of the group's paper, The Diamond Fields Advertiser in Kimberley After war service in the Middle East and Italy with the

in Johannesburg on December 2 to 1961 he was in Salisbury at the age of 68 was chairman of the Argus Printing and Publish-

Returning to Johannesburg in 1961 as Assistant General Manager of the Argus Group he became chairman in 1967 he was also chairman of the

Industry of S Africa.

Sinter stoutly defended the prime ministeri unsuccessfully.

outside authority as well as He was wide South African Forces and later being a manager who let editors the conscience of the South on secondment to the RAF, he get on with their own editing. African press in his own spent four years as manager of His reaction to the report of the country.

Mr Layton Slater, who died the Pretoria News. From 1950 1982 Steyn Commission which proposed a compulsory register of journalists from which those adjudged guilty of "improper this response the proposals were never enacted

An outspoken critic of apartheid Slater also urged relaxation laying down executive responsi-bility in 1976 though retaining the office. From 1966 to 1975 police or military actions, or of statements by anyone who had National Industrial Council of been "banned" by the governthe Printing and Newspaper ment, leading delegations of publishers to press this cause at prime ministerial level, albeit

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and cultural causes, a deeply committed Roman Catholic, a widely travelled lecturer and, paramilitary, pro-republican above all, a political non-con-organization, the Reichsbarner. above all, a political non-conformist whose qualities were not quite animed to the grey realities of post-war West German politics. From 1953 to Bundesing for the Free Demo-

stein - Wertheim - Freudenberg, war. He became a prime target was born on October 14, 1906, for Nazi thugs and in March, at the family castle of Schön- 1933, he and his wife, Helga worth near Kufstein, on the (whom he had married in 1929) borders between the German decided to flee Germany. The Paich and the Habeburg Fin. set up house for a time in was the daughter of Lord was a direct descendent of Elector of the Rhine.

Although Lowenstein was of what Hitler termed "un-brought up in Austria, and did German culture". He embarked not see his mother from his fourth to his fourteenth year, his took him throughout Western personality had a distinctly English edge to it. He esponsed great causes, particularly if frowned upon by those in authority. He was not afraid to establishment for its readiness to compromise with Hitler in 1933, or Adenauer for his willingness to co-operate with the Western Allies after 1949.

His public life was governed by the belief that there could. never be peace or justice in Europe unless all "Germans": whether Austrian or German by pationality, were united in one democratic iberal,

Christian Reich.

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to with vigour and bravery. His fluid he refuned to rally to first public act was to join the Adenauer with whom he shared Though he was never a socialist. ritle of "Red Prince". He also took up journalism, was a sell-out. Löenstein's belief in Ger-

1957 he was a member of the writing in the Vossische Zeitung in an attempt to convince his fellow citizens that a victory for cratic Party.

Hubertus, Prince of Lowen-Hitler would eventually lead to war. He became a prime target borders between the German decided to fice Germany. They Reich and the Habsburg Emset up house for a time in pire. His mother, Constance, Austria. Lowenstein then resolved

Pirbright, his father, a Bavarian, that his mission would be to speak for all anti-Nazi Ger-Frederick, Count Palatine and mans, and to organize those exiles who were the exponents on a peripatetic existence which Europe and the United States.

In 1934 on a visit to Britain he gave what proved an influential lecture at Chatham authority. He was not afraid to house. He also signed contracts castigate the Roman Catholic with British publishers for his books The Tragedy of a Nation and After Huler's Fall; and lost his German citizenship as a

His most important exile work was undertaken in the United States, in 1936 he founded the German Academy of Arts and Sciences in Exile, whose members included Thomas Mann, Otto Klemperer, Arnold Schoenberg and Sigmund Freud.

stein, who died in Bonn on Lowenstein felt a deep revulber 28, was a presion at the overthrow of 1946, and a promising political imperial Germany, but by the career appeared to await such a was an outspoken and come students. opposition to Hitler and loyalty to political Catholicism) and set up his own grouping instead. Called the Deutsche Aktion, its fundamental platform was that

> many's national rights led him to take two dramatic initiatives in the Bonn Republic. The first concerned Heligoland, which was being used by the RAF for bombing practice. In December, 1950, he landed secretly on the island and defied the British stop the bombing or kill him. Wisely, the RAF agreed to stop the bombing, and an act of civil disobedience condemned by Adenauer as "senseless" boro

Lowenstein also played a part in bring the Saar into the Federal Republic in opposition to French policy, which Adenauer supported. In July, 1955, Lowenstein staged a demonstration in Saarbrücken and was arrested for attempting a putsch. This action aroused West German public opinion, and did much to achieve ultimate success for his cause. Lowenstein supported him-

self whilst out of parliament by lecturing and journalism. He was the author of numerous books and, for a time, was South German editor of Die Zett. In 1960 be was appointed special adviser to the Federal Press Office:
His marriage was very happy:

his wife and their daughters survive him.

DR BERNARD LONERGAN, SJ

Dr Bernard Lonergan, SJ, Canada's most distinguished theologian and a leading influence in philosophical theological thought in the Roman Catholic Church worldwide, died on November 26 in Pickering, Ontario aged 79. His work was the subject of more than 200 doctoral theses; several study centres founded in his honour bear his name; and an international symposium of scholars was held earlier this year dedicated to the discussion of his works.

Lonergan was primarily known as a philosopher of knowledge, the neglect of which subject lay at the back of many of contemporary Christianity's difficulties in adjusting to modern thought, or so he passionately believed. Both Thomas Aquinas and John Henry Newman were major influences in the evolution of his ideas, which were renowned both for their originality and their opacity. He may eventually have the impact on modern certainty culture that his admirers believe knowledge is his due; but digestion may yet take many years. His writings are not so far well known in Britain.
He was born in Buckingham.

1936 as a member of the Society

and philosophical output. He was an expert adviser to the Second Varican Council, where he was among the first rank of attendant theologians, and noted for his probing questioning of the issues at stake.

Like most philosophers Like most philosophers his starting point was the question "How do we know anything?" but what distinguished him from contempoary philosophical fashion was his further question "How do we know the truths of Christian faith?" He was eventually led to assert that refigious knowledge assert that religious knowledge could be known with no less certainty than scientific-In his later work he began to

develop general theories of economics, which seemed to offer alternatives to both capitalism and Marxism. Again Quebec, on December 17, 1904, the density of his expression has cducated by Jesuits both in slowed down the assimilation Canada and in Britain, and took of his ideas; almost as if he his first degree from the wished to guarantee that if the University of London. He mantle of greatness was to

studied at the Gregorian in descend on his name, it would Rome, and was ordained in be posthumous. After ordination his field of

America or Rome, while his and 1949 on Aquinas's theory of knowledge with reference to Aristotle and Augustine.

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to put theology on the same philosophical basis as science. He was a man of faith, which seemed to be greatly deepened by his capacity for profound questioning. Towards the end of his life he suffered from, and was subsequently cured of, lung

Commander Alfred Francis Colenso Gray, RNR, who died on November 23 at the age of 84, was appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire

Mr Andrew Rintoul, CBE, who died on November 29 a the age of 76, was Chairman of the Trustee Savings Banks Central Board from 1976 to 1980 and of the Central Trustee Savings Bank from 1979 to

in 1960.



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Latest wills Dame Flora

Robson leaves £127,000

Maddock presided over a dinner held at the society's headquarters last night. Sir Gordon Borrie, Director General, Office of Fair

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sherriffs, was present last night at a livery dinner of the Weavers' Company held at Vintners' Hall. The Upper Balliff, Lord Brain and other officers of the company received the guests. The speakers were the Lord Mayor, the Upper Balliff, the Upper Warden, Mr J. G. Bryan, and the Dean of Lincoln.

The annual dinner of the Farmers'
Club was held last night at,
Grosvenor House, Mr J. F.

Grosvenor House, Mr J. F. Blanchard, president, was in the

chair and the principal guests were thair and the principal guests were Mr James Prior, MP, and Mrs Prior and Mr A. H. A. Dibbs. Among others present were Michael and Lady Franklin, the Hon Sir Richard and Lady Butler, Mr and Mrs P. R. de L. Giffard and Mr and Mrs C. T. Muddinan.

The Coningsby Club entertained Mr Peregrine Worsthorne at dinner last

night at the Carlton Club. Mr Audrew Stuttaford was in the chair.

Bevan, and the Dean of Lincoln.

Farmers' Club

between Paint Jaines Back, of Fossebridge, Gloucestershire, younger son of the late Dr A. B. Black and of Dr M. L. Black, and Sally, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Oscar Colburn, of Crickley Barrow, Northleach, Gloucestershire. The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs David Drane, Neutlly-sur-scine, Paris, and Lesley, daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Munday, of Chilton Polden, Somerset.

Dame Flora McKenzie Robson, the actress, of Brighton, East Sinsex, who died last July, aged 82, left estate valued at £127,574 net. After other bequests she left £500 each to the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, the King George's Pension Fund for Actors and Actresses and the National Council for the Single Women and her Dependants; £100 to St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, WC2, where she desired a stone plaque to be erected at the cost of her estate; all her theatre books and copies of plays to Brighton and Hove Arts Centre, all her press notices and cuttings, scrap books and her bound copy of her Cambridge Festival Theatre programmes to the Manders and Mitchenson Museum, Lower Sydenham, her copyrights and other rights in her published and unpublished works to the Theatrical Ladies Guild of Charities, Covent Garden, and £500 each to her former dresser Kane Flanagan, and her former housekeeper May Bolton. The 'engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Dr and Mrs Henry Hollis, of Melton Mowbray. Leicestershire, and Valerie, only daughter of Mrs Jean Reid, of Cape Coral, Florida, and Professor William Reid, of Albany, New York.

Meetings Lansdowne Club

The Hon Colin Stamp gave a talk on "Nelson – A Gift of Leadership" to members of the Lansdowne Club on Thursday, November 15. On Thursday, November 29, Sir Ranulph Fiennes illustrated a talk about his Trans-Globe Expedition with slides.

Repton School

The governors of Repton School announce the appointment of Mr Richard C. Theobald, headmaster of Ranby House School, as headmaster The engagement is announced between Dominic, elder son of Mr of Foremarke Hall (Repton Prepara tory School) from September 1985. and Mrs D. A. Wheatley, of Wimbledon, London, SW19, and Vuginia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R. W. Hewett, of 78 Walton Street, London, SW3.

Birthdays today

Lord Challont, 65; Miss Lucic Clayton, 56; Sir William Downward, 72; Miss Enid M. Essame, 78; Major-General H. R. B. Foote, VC. 80; Sir Peter Foster, 72; the Earl of Longford, 79; Lord Matthews, 65; Lord Napier and Ettrick, 54; Mr Sheridan Morley, 43; Lord Nathan, 62; Mr Otto Preminger, 78; Lord Rotherwick, 72; Mr Jeremy Sandford, 50; Dame Mary Smicton, 82. The marriage will take place on December 8 at St Andrew's Church, Ham Common, of David, son of Mr and Mrs George Williams, of Guisborough, Cleveland, and Janette, daughter of Mr and Mrs Prederick Teager, of Thorpe Bay, Essex.



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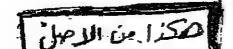
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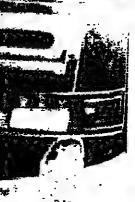
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Tempest, with which he launched the Odeon regime last shutter, revealing Clindor and of art, occupying a zone between theatre and magic, and dramatizing a fable of parental loss and reunion through the agency of a supernaturally gifted stage manager. Pridamant, a sorrowing father, comes in sorrowing father, comes in stage in the form of atmospheriminutes we are told that it is all over. The fact that Racine's magician, Alcandre, who oblig-ingly conjures up a series of visions showing the son, Clindor, serving a braggart captain, paying court to two girls, and then meeting his death in a throwing back an image of the

set Ward earlier this year and, while it is highly polikely that he would have accepted that post on its own (and BBC Television says it is proceeding with an appointment), the prospect of a major restructuring of television departments under Bill Cotton and Brian Wenham leaves open the possibility that Drum-mond's report could acquire for him

Drummond, 50, director of the

Ediuburgh Festival from 1978 to

1983 and previously assistant Head of Music and Arts in BBC Television, to be its next Controller.

Music, in succession to Robert Ponsonby. The appointment goes against Ponsonby's stated desire to

be succeeded by "a musician from within radio", but follows the BBC's

tradition of choosing for the controllership an outside figure of

stature and flair, who will be capable

of advancing the reputation of the

Proms and public concerts as well as

maintaining the BBC's delicate and often turbulent relationship with the

Drummond is a television man,

though he has broadcast often for

radio as a freelance, and the most interesting aspect of his appointment

is that he joins the BBC very soon, in February 1985, a full nine months

before Ponsonby's retirement on December 1. He has been com-

missioned to produce a detailed report on the BBC's provision of

music on both radio and television.
This will be widely interpreted as an attempt to prove that the two departments of radio and television music, which have drifted far apart,

can be brought together and co-ordinated under a single Controller.

Drummond's name had been

Music and Arts, Television, after the

abrupt departure of Richard Somer-

John Drummond, former director of the Edinburgh Festival, was yesterday appointed to the hot seat of the BBC's Controller, Music – with wider potential powers than the man he succeeds next year, Robert Ponsonby: report and interview by Nicholas Kenyon

A chance to unite the warring tribes of sound and vision

John Drammond: "there's an enormous amount to be done"

defend himself from the accusation of not being a broadcaster: "As it happens, I have more broadcasting William Glock when they were amointed. I know there'll be criticism from some quarters, but I do think I know my way around the BBC and the business of broadcasting." Will he bring the priorities of television's musical coverage to music on radio? "What, you mean things like intelligibility? Or not talking down to your audience? Or occasionally being relevant? Things tike that? I do think that if you're in the business of communication you ought to consider this sort of thing. Of course in television it is harder to

find the right tone of voice. One of

the things about streamed broadcasting is that you have sorted out who you are talking to. But that has its drawbacks too, in that you're not reaching out any further."

Drummond's mother was a lieder singer, and "there was always music

around", but he read history at Cambridge, Ironically, Drummond turned down his first offer of a job "for £600 a year (not rising) to work as assistant to one Robert Ponsonby who was then director of the Edinburgh Festival, in order to join the BBC as a general trainee for £625 a year (rising slowly). I had my chance in Edinburgh, but fortunately that was later, after I had learnt a great deal." Through getting to know Huw Wheldon and Humphrey

Burton during a stint in Paris, Drummond became involved with the most creative group of television producers the BBC has had, in the halcyon days when there seemed to be both ideas and money to match: Drummond, Burton, Barrie Gavin and Walter Todds planned pro-grammes, and Drummond made his

When John Culshaw came to head the department, Drummond moved sideways into other arts programmes, pursuing other disciplines he talks about with quite as passion and enthusiasm as music - especially dance and architecture (be produced The Spirit

name with documentaries such as

that on the second Leeds Piano

Competition in 1966.

of the Age); but he returned to music when Burton came back to the BBC and thence to Edinburgh, "It wasn't as sudden a step as some people thought, I was putting together about the same number of programmes a the same number of programmes a year, 175, but the difference was there was just one summer deadline and in Edinburgh the winter was thought of as the time when everything went wrong. That was difficult psychologically."

Drummond has been a good committee man as well as a creative figure, a necessary accomplishment at the BBC: since he resigned, exhausted like his predecessors. from Edinburgh he has been carrying out a major survey of dance provision in London for the Arts

Council. On the managerial problems of co-ordinating musical activities in the BBC he will say only that there has been a very dangerous feeling of separation. In the Sixties I_ think we felt radio music producers had a contempt for what television was doing, and television producers thought the radio music people were involved in some kind of very private broadcasting. I think first of all each side needs to understand each other better - they do, you know, in the regions, where the departments tend to be much closer together. Half the trouble in the BBC comes because departments are physically so far

On the touch subject of what kind of contemporary music Drummond is likely to support and promote at the BBC he is again cautious. He is reluctant to name names. But can one presume he would not follow a Great British Music Festival line? I think you can presume that quite clearly. Of course one has loyalty to nationals but one has a greater loyalty to the art one represents. I don't think I'm any more likely to be persuaded of any more likely to be persuaded of the importance of certain secondary

talents than my predecessors were. And are there still the causes to be fought for in this area that made William Glock's controllership such an exhibitating period? "Inst because evidence has been given once of vitality and adventure it doesn't mean that it's never going to need to be given again. Ok, it was thrilling to have Harewood do the Boulez year in Edinburgh, with Pli selon pli, and William do the first Gruppen in London, but don't kid me that there's no need for another Pli selon pli in London, in many ways one realizes how little advance there has actually been. There's an enormous amoun



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panded control of all the BBC's

He may well also want to take

radio production departments con-cerned with music, which Aubrey Singer (in a jast stab in the back to

radio music before he returned to

television) put into a Radio 3 music

department. That could lead to lively

conflict internally. And the final

issue of the report could well be money: after the next licence fee

increase, will the BBC have the

means to support serious music in

Drummond is understandably

saying nothing about these possi-bilities at present. But he does

ck under his direct control the

musical resources.

the way it demands?

L'Illusion: Gérard Desarthe (left) as the braggart with Marc Delsaert as Clindor Paris theatre

Majestic and magical

barricaded nationalist stronghold; but chauvinism is not the same suffocating thing as insularity, and least of all when it comes to allowing inter-Unlike The Tempest, L'Illunational access to its most sacred treasures. Can one imagine the RSC and the Theatre simultaneously engaging two foreign directors to show us how to play Shakespeare? That is more or less what has happened in Paris. where the dominating events of the past month have been Giorgio Strehler's production of Corneille's L'Illusion and this week's opening at the Comédie-Française of Racine's Bérénice directed by Klaus Michael Gruber - the first German ever to direct at the Comedie. As a co-production with the

Festival d'Automne. Bérénice appears in the course of a wideranging international programme. But the great new international landmark on the Paris scene is Strehler's Odéonbased Théâtre de l'Europe. Now into its second year, this is a State-subsidized venture aiming to establish a coherent centre in Europe's theatrical Babel, bypassing the cultural tariff walls to draw the best European talents into the service of and Piato's cave." masterpieces that belong to all European citizens. The whole enterprise rep-

resents a mighty advance in parallel to the route pioneered by Peter Brook at the Bouffes du Nord (where, alas, nothing is happening until the unveiling of

duel. At which point Corneille applauding house as Clindor

theatre may seem a firmly as a company of actors counting barricaded nationalist strong- up the night's take; and old Pridamant's cry of bereavement changes to the hardly less anguished howl "Mon fils comedien!".

> sion dates from the beginning of its author's career and was written (in 1636) with the explicitly propagandist inten-tion of defending the theatre, against powerful clerical oppo-sition, as a morally beneficial public service. In that sense, the play restates the theatre's mandate, as Jonson did in the puppet scene of Bartholomew Fair. In another sense, it joins company with Calderon's Life is a Dream and other baroque works that exploit paradoxes of shadow and substance. In yet another, it is a robustly plotted and often uproariously funny comedy of intrigue, and alto-gether the last thing you would have expected from the author

It is this basic entertainment element that has been sacrificed to Strehler's vision, which otherwise yields as beautiful a production as I have ever seen, and thoroughly earns the comparisons that have been drawn between the Odéon stage Strehler's Milan-based team -

Ezio Frigerio, Luisa Spinatelli and Fiorenzo Carpi - present a a sequence of shimmening and dissolving stage pictures whose power derives as much from their moral discipline (they are expressing a truth which cannot be approached too closely) as Brook's Mahabharata next from their simply decorative quality. Alcandre's grotto - a Strebler's present production massive exercise in baroque has strong affinities with The geometry - opens up for the first vision like a camera year. L'Illusion is another his master silhouetted against testament to the healing powers an open sky to Monteverdi-like cadences, both reflected in a

modern high-tech stage floor. The lighting exceeds in sophistication anything since Syoboda, whose inirror-Svoboda whose screen reappears on Strehler's undergo positive and negative light reversals, also softly reflecting the actors in their Watteau silks and jewel-en-crusted flared coats, and finally springs his masterstroke, by welcomes his father on to the

From our viewpoint, the Paris bringing all the characters back stage. Gérard Desarthe plays Alcandre as a priestly, black-gowned figure, bald as an egg; who than returns, unrecognizably transformed, as the braggart Matamore. You are thus encouraged to view him both as mage and as a theatrical tabula rasa - who than demonstrates the wisdom of his profession by assuming the most foolish character in the play. This majestic production departs for Italy in January, so intending British spectators should move fast.

Besides his attachments to the Berlin Schaubühne, Klaus Michael Grüber is a former Milan colleague of Strehler; which adds to one's stupefac-tion on stumbling out of his Bérénice (three hours, no interval). Approaching the piece with the most extreme reverence, he has well and truly wrung its neck. Upon a stage (by Gilles Aillaud) variously suggesting a portery kiln and a gaudy Pompeian bath-house. Racine's principals arrive like sleep-walkers, and deliver the verse in a dead monotone and at a snail's pace that kills the. rhymes, never mind the caesuras. Periodically they nuzzle into their confidantes' shoulders, or flop over a large boulder in the kiln area; adding no small comic point to lines like "Fai couru chez la reine" or "Laissez-moi le temps de respirer".

There are moments when the text takes hold of Ludmila Mikaël's Berenice, and the stage briefly pulsates with desolate passion. But you have the impression that there will be a severe directorial note for every such lapse into vitality.

Faced with this otherwise incomprehensible act of carnage I can only relate it to Gruber's past career as a director of Beckett. Beckett is often compared to Racine; and Gruber appears to have seized an occasion for repaying the compliment with a piece that could be described as Racine's Endgame. Nothing happens for five acts: within the first the piece offers a marvellously sustained corridor of dramatic poetry, evidently occurred less strongly to the director than to a rebellious audience.

Something of a relief, after

The Human Voice

Gate, Latchmere

Orphée last week, to come to a piece of Cocteau's that (to put it mildly) deals with real human emotions. Even if they only come from one human: the woman speaking, for an hour or so, on the telephone to her lover who has left her. That Susannah York at the Latchmere, while to this tremendous task bringing every resource for sustaining the tension and wringing the heart, fails to convince us there is someone on the other end of the line is not, I think, a fair criticism: this is essentially a monologue. But there are tantalizing clues to what the man felt, and herein lies the

Miss York and her director. Simone Benmussa, believe it 'manservant, her pampered was a genuine affair, passionate daily round of shopping and

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but not permanent, "sweet, not lasting", and that when she says "you aren't bright and you love me" ("iu es maladroit original) she is not deluding herself. His prolonging of the conversation is not, as one occasionally suspects, just to see how much he can make her feel. At the beginning, though pros-trate like a murdered woman which indeed she is - she becomes, on receiving his first call, the sophisticated, attractive person he loved.

Cocteau calls her "a mediocre victim". But despite the unusually abstract setting - no bed, no walls, just white screens on which Miss York vertically luxuriates sometimes as though they were her lonely sheets - she is, in this actress's hands, a real person, intelligent and sensitive. Her world's boulevard qualities, her rich lawyer lover with a

pleading arguing firmly insist-ing that she is all right before unhysterically describing her

dining out, almost ring false. So,

indeed, do stagey directorish touches like running his gloves

erotically down her body and

the repeated mannerism of

Miss York's mid-point break-

addressing the phone receiver

a grief-contorted mask before

our eyes, is all the more terrifying for that. And, among

the other calls on her virtuosity,

this work is virtually a concerto

for the left hand (the right

usually holding the receiver).

face to face, as it were.

suicide attempt. Most memorably, she lets the phone ring three times before answering as if to sayour the anticipation; the last time, she leaves it still longer, terrified to begin the dialogue that means the end.

Anthony Masters

the A minor Piano Concerto. It

was, indeed, a concerto without

feverish activity and heated solo

detail seemed compensation

for, rather than converse with,

the piano's alternately over-

languid or savagely percussive

vicious battle for survival.

Concert

organ if required, or form a extremely well; and they can reinvigorate broad musical

burgeoned into one of the great orchestras of porthern Europe. Yansons, trained by Mravinsky, was in his element with the Recently under Okko Kamu (whose conducting we should experience far more often in London), and now under the direction of Mariss Yansons from Leningrad, its character has been strengthened and its The strings have a brilliance of ensemble which is no mere

patina of unity, but one that springs from fully engaged energy. They can breathe with flared nostrils for the start of Berlioz's Roman Carnival convincingly. Overture, or they can fold into the slow growth of the Largo of

Shostakovich's Fifth Sym-The woodwind and brass. too, take little for granted: they sician, curiously reduced him-can gurgle like a fairground self to the role of mere orator in

hard, sharp rind on the outside edges of one of Shostakovich's lacerating string unisons. They can, in short, do extreme things equally successfully sustain and areument

Shostakovich. The opening of the piece spoke immediately of music smarting under the lashes of its idea. They dug their nails into its taut rhythmic pacing, and undergirded the Largo's occasional longueurs with cello playing of unusually distinctive character and tenacity. Where double entendre masquerades as single entendre in this work, extremity becomes, as it should, not only the means but the mode, and did so utterly However, such bombast sits

ill in the lap of Grieg. Jens Harald Bratlic, a fine ac-companist and chamber mu-

London debuts The sense of duty

the Canadian Jocelyn Abbott have a dutiful rather than an inspired approach to the repertoire. Stravinsky's two sets of "Easy Pieces" of 1915 and 1917 were crisply articulated, and Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue had some panache. However, treble parts were often hard-driven, with a consistently unpleasant tone in the climaxes of phrases. A much greater variety of sonority is needed to bring these works to life.
The Uruguayan pianist Car-

los Cebro is an individualist whose approach to the instrument is primarily colouristic. His relaxed style in Junto al Jogan by Cluzeau Mortet provided some welcome sunny mages for a wet evening, and Carlos Giucci's Candome was brought to life with exuberantly sharp and rhythmic passagework.

The Attwood String Quartet is two years old, and is a vivacious ensemble. Perhaps the quartet's performance of Dvořák's "American" was a little too energized, the first violin tensely over-projecting his part (thus highlighting a number of slight lapses in intonation), but the overall effect was disciplined. Nevertheless, the second violin and viola were relegated to too great an extent, this distorting bal-

Aperto features two wind players, a soprano, Dorothy Cooper, and the pianist Victoria Locock; the two were also making individual debuts at their recent recital. Miss Irving Wardle | Cooper's voice has a pure

Zealander Richard Mapp and the plaintive ballad "La Belle Dame sans merci" by Stanford. However, her intonation was not always secure in passing notes. Myhill's "The Devil and the Ploughman" was a quaintly different encore, but here Miss Cooper's enunciation and her low notes were a little tired. Miss Locock's accompaniments were always beautifully scaled, her tone colours ideally complementing James Dower's firstrate flute playing.

> South East Arts presented a recital by the four winners of the 1984 Young Musicians' Platform award and each gave a short programme. The clarinettist Anne Scolding conveyed the mysterious pathos of Weber's Grand Duo concertante with an almost exotic refinement; her pianissimo playing is car-catch-ing. The flautist Nicholas Vallis needed directly evocative music in which to shine, pan-pipes in Honegger's Danse de la chevre creating an idyllic atmosphere.

> Eva-Marie Alexandre's piano playing has a communicative singing tone, but melodies frequently sounded self-consciously expressive. Liszt's Fallee d'Obermann needed more

The soprano Tracey Chadwell's voice appears to be limited to one timbre, and she does not respect phrase endings. Two songs by Reger and Maconchy were more successful and in the former's "Mei Bua" there was some charming characterization.

James Methuen-Campbell

Television Evidence of doubt

Landrovers patrolling the Falls Road, Belfast, on the morning of July 8, 1981, told an inquest that the scene was one of riot with petrol bombs raining down down, her lovely face becoming on their vehicles and beer barrels being roled in front of them. The inquest was on Mrs Norah McCabe. 33-year-old mother of three, who was struck by a PVC bullet that morning and who died from her fearful head injuries the following day.

After seeing a video film taken by a French Canadian, Jean-Pierre Plousse, at the time of the incident - which revealed neither petrol bombers, beer barrels nor gangs - the jury discounted the police evidence and found there was no legitimate target,

Last week the RUC, who had denied firmg PVC bullets anywhere near the street in which Mrs McCabe was hit, agreed to pay her family substantial damages and admitted there was no evidence that she was other than an innocent person. but did not admit guilt. The Director of Public Prosecutions has said that no police are to be prosecuted.

The video was shown in eloquence. To match Bratlie's Yorkshire's First Tuesday docuextremes of rhetoric. Yansons mentary programme last night. allowed his orchesura to sit and it showed the vehicles had free preen in the purring Adagio. passage and that the leading vehicle swerved towards the and to make the Finale a street where Mrs McCabe was hit, a manoeuvre denied by the Hilary Finch police at the inquest. The

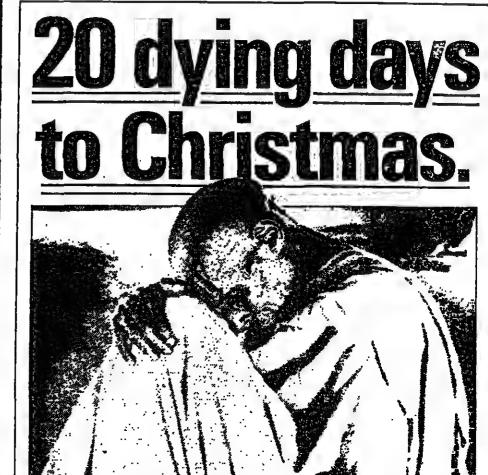
recorded on the soundtrack. M Plouffe said that at the time of the meident, which followed the death of the fourth hunger-striker, there were no petrol bombers in sight, just the usual stone-throwing and bang-ing of dustbin lids. An eye-witness confirmed this testimony.

Since the incident, the officer in command of the patrol. Chief Supt James Crutchley, has been promoted to Assistant Chief Constable. His commanding officer. Sir John Hermon. declined to appear on last night's programme to reply to what Mr McCabe called "another miscarriage of justice".

Stars of the Roller Skate Disco, on BBC1, was a morbid dramatic exercise by Michael Hastings, directed by Alan Parker. Its subject was teenage unemployment and it posited a situation where teenagers attend a state-provided skating rin where they are able to keep up their skills between describing victous circles on their state provided skates and generally going nowhere.

Its chief character, played by Perry Benson, last seen circumnavigating the rink at night and bleeding to death from slashed wrists, was good but there was no message other than despair and only the most clumsy genufication towards Orwell's

Dennis Hackett



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Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet Trafalgar seeks to fill the gap left by P&O If ever a company was in search of an an opponent who is making a bonz fide

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

epoch-making takeover, it is Trafalgar cash offer duly warranted as being within House, the property, construction, shipping and energy group headed by Sir Nigel Broackes, a corporate strategist of rare perception. Yesterday, Sir Nigel ushered in a set of figures for the year to September 30 which showed profits 43 per cent highter at a record £113.2 million and an improvement of 33 per cent in earnings per share, including extraordinary items and profit-sharing scheme, to 30.1p a share. The dividend is 10p against 8.5p. Yet the market responded by reducing Trafalgar's share price from 320p, a 1984

peak, to 311p.

The reason for such apparent churlishness is not difficult to spot. The results rely heavily on a first contribution to profits of £31.3 million from oil and gas production. Without that, there would have been an increase of only £4 million.

Figures from the contracting and engineering division were well night unchanged, at £47.8 million, while the combined fruits of shipping, aviation and hotels were £1.9, million lower at £15.7 million. Part of that decline was due to the sale of three hotels, but Sir Nigel admitted that cargo shipping was at a low ebb. Talks now taking place with P & O with a view to improving the shipping lot of both groups are still at an early stage.

Understandably, much of the internal effort and external spending is going into oil and gas. Investment in this area is nowearmarked at £100 million, about twothirds of total capital expenditure. Sir Nigel and his vigorous chief executive. Mr Eric Parker, now fully emerged from Lord Matthews's shadow, have their sights on opportunities in the US as well as the ninth round of North Sea bidding. In another direction, they are eager to pick up more contracts from the Ministry of

Defence, mainly for refitting submarines. While this adds up to a lengthy agenda of effort, Trafalgar's decision not to press ahead with a bid ofr P & O, clearly leaves a strategic void, the depth of which the 1983-84 figures help to measure. About £10 million profit on the sale of P & O shares has been taken into extraordinary items, offset by a similar write-off against fruit-carrying vessels.

A re-energized Sir Nigel makes no secret of his wish to conquer new fields, althogh the timing of any big initiative is bound to be influenced by the course of the stock market. His view is that the market is near its high point for the foreseeable future. and he is prepared to wait for lower equity values to afford him the acquisitive

opportunities he seeks. OI COMISC Trafalgar's share price will suffer less at the hands of a bear market than would-be victims - not an assumption it would be sensible to challenge.

Waddington overplays a winning hand

This morning the shareholders of John Waddington, the games and packeging group, will have before them all the information they need make a decision on the contested 500p-a-share cash bid from Mr Robert Maxwell's British Printing and Communication Corporation. The price of the bid cannot be increased, it cannot be affected by the vagaries of the stock market, and it must close on December 13

unless it is successful. The last piece in the jigsaw is the robust and vigorous defence from Waddington, accompanied by a buoyant set of half-yearly results. The document, printed in vivid hues of red and black, manages to make an enormous meal out of knocking the 1970s.

Polly Peck

disappoints

with £50.5m

By Our City Staff

the stock market yesterday with the profits of his Polly Peck (Holdings), Cornell Holdings and majority-owned Inter-City

Two years ago, Polly Peck shares could only go up. Yesterday, the shares dropped 14p to 227p as the group

reported results for the year to

Earlier this year, both Messel and Laing & Cruickshank had

been looking for pretax profits of between £60 million. The

figures for the year to Sep-tember 1 have come out at

£50.5 million, still a 68 per cent

increase on the previous year. Turnover has risen 63 per cent to £137 million.

The figures include a full-year

contribion from Mr Nadir's Wearwell group, which Polly Peck bought in the summer.

Pretax profits here rose only 5

However, Cornell Holdings, the group which was left out of

a promised three-way merger, reported a £92,000 loss Inter-City, where Polly Peck now holds 50.12 per cent of the

shares, has also passed a dividend payment on reporting

a pretax loss of £325,000, for an unspecified financial period which ended on August 31 and

is compared with one which ended on Decreber 31, 1983.

Mr Nadir says Polly Peck must also be conservative in its

dividend policy and is recommending a 2.5p final which, with the 1p interim, represents a lower years.

25 per cent increase in the total. | Comex (latest) \$330.70

per cent to £5.6 million.

Invetsment Group.

the end of September.

Mr Asil Nadir disapointed:

its resources. The two areas of doubt cast by Waddington on BPCC are its "true" ownership and the scale of its borrowings. Yet Waddington's chairman, Mr Victor Watson, does not suggest that BPCC or its parent, Pergamon Group, are in danger of being unable to sustain their debts, or that Pergamon is ultimately controlled by anyone other than Mr Maxwell. Pergamon was subject to the usual inquiries by National Westminster Bank when the bank was arranging for Mr Maxwell to rescue BPCC in 1981. National Westminster is also Waddington's bank, and has been unable or unwilling to sustain Mr Watson's innuendoes, despite his requests, This has been an ill-judged campaign by Waddington, particularly in view of the fact that its own results speak more than any slur. They show that the company is on the way to topping even the best of Mr Maxwell's expectations, which took account of the extra money at the company's disposal from the recent £5 million rights issue.

The games division, based on the famous Monopoly, has surged ahead from £673,000 profits to a comparable £1.3 million, on turnover £2.3 million higher at

£9.6 million. The company's other big success is thermoplastic packaging, the sort which rests in supermarket chillers and contains margarine, yoghurt and ice cream. This is the new growth sector in packaging making a contribution of £1.9 million to Waddington against £1.3 million before. In toto, earnings per share in the half-year have gone up from 21.6p to 32.3p, making room for a leap in dividends from 7.5p to

The effect was to push the Waddington share price up by 23p to 528p, taking it once more out of BPCC's reach. The next eight days will be crucial, but given the implacable opposition of certain insti-tutional shareholders in Waddington, the odds are against the ubiquitous Captain Maxwell. Rightly so.

Gold back from the brink

After staring into the abyss last week, gold has stepped back from the brink to trade yesterday at \$332 an ounce. But in the prevailing pessismism few are bold enough to declare that it will not fall over the edge to \$300 and below. The gold investment mania of the late 1970s and

early 1980s seems an age away. The peak of \$850 was undoubtedly exceptional, and the current price is muc, h closer to the long-term trend. If it is correct that gold has roughly retained its real purchasing power over very long periods, then lower inflation and lower inflation expectations, should be accompanied by cheaper gold.

The obverse of the argument is the durability of the dollar. Gold emerged from its \$35 an ounce isolation after the United States suspended convertibility the "gold window" - in 1968. Since then, weakness and negative interest rates have been replaced by high real interest rates and a huge American appetite for the world's savines.

Circumstances have changed, however, and it does not necessarily follow that when the dollar depreciates gold will benefit. The yen and mark are more widely held and there is a range of alternative financial instruments such as futures, options and interest-bearing accounts, spawned by the great inflation of

Insurance brokers merge

Alexander and Alexander Services, the large United States insurance broker, yesterday announced its merger with the Canadian based broker, Reed Stanhouse Companies, in a deal worth about \$263 million (£219 million). The move is likely to make A and A the biggest insurance broking operation in the world, although Marsh & McLennan, with its other insurance interests, will remain

a larger company. The deal involves a recapitalization of Reed Stenhouse and an exchange offer by which shareholders will receive the equivalent of two A and A

London fixing: am \$330.90 pm-\$332.00

shares for every three Reed The exchange is based on the December 3 closing price of the Reed Stenhouse shares at \$15.83 (£13.20) each and A and A shares at \$23.875 (£19.9).

One reason for the merger was A and A's desire to extend the geographical spread of its retail broking business. The company is the largest retail broker in the United States but the merger with Reed Sten-house, which has big retail broker in both Canada and Australia and Britain will give A and A a strong presence in other parts of the world.

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Court rejects Currys 'flimsy' case against Dixons bid

Dixons the electrical retailer, has won its battle to clinch control of Currys, its high street

Dixons yesterday freed itself in the High Court in London from an injunction obtained by Currys on Friday to prevent it from declaring its £248 million-takeover offer unconditional, and thereby giving it victory. Mr Stanley Kalms, Dixons chairman, who had sat in court

throughout the hearing, was described by one of his merchant bankers as "quite calm, but very pleased with the Currys had protested that one firs shareholders, Scottish Amicable, had been prevented by Dixons' merchant bankers, Morgan Grenfell, from chang-ing its mind and withdrawing acceptance of the bid in respect

crucial holding. Mr Justice Vinelott, granting Dixons application to lift the injunction; described Currys' case as "flimsy" and "function". The judge described the

400 jobs to

go as Cape

pulls out of

glass fibre

By Jeremy Warner

products and automotive com-

ponents group, is withdrawing from glass fibre insulation. It is

closing one plant at Washing-ton, County Durham, with the loss of 400 jobs and selling two

more plants at Stirling in Central Scotland and Queens-ferry in North Wales to Pilkington Brothers.

Cape's finance director, Mr

David Llewellyn, said the group had lost more than £1 million in

the nine months to the end of

September on its glass-wool operations and that the sale to

Pilkington of at least a part of

the business offered a way of

An interim profits statement which the group is hoping to release to the Stock Exchange

today, is expected to contain

details of rationalization in

Dealings in Cape shares were suspended on the stock market

yesterday at 56p when Cape

failed to put out the interim

statement as scheduled. Mr Llewellyn said that the delay

was caused by a "technical

Pilkington Brothers, which

aiready has about 40 per cent of

the fibre glass market in Britain.

is paying Cape £8 million for

the plants. Cape will have to write off £5 million due to the sale and make provisions for the closure of the Washington

Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director General of Fair

Trading, has told Cape that he

will not recommend referral of

the transaction to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission despite the re-

duction in competition in-

Mr Llewellyn said it appeared that the Office of Fair Trading

accepted Cape's case that the

sale was a piece of necessary rationalization.

the rescue of Johnson Matthey

plc, the banking and precious metals company. Cape said there was no question of

Charter being involved in a

However, Cape's evening statement came too late to

prevent Charter Consolidated's share price falling 16p to 175p in after-hours trading on fears

that Charter would be forced to

rescue the company.

The glass fibre insulation

the glass here histiation business grew three-fold during the 1970s, encouraging the industry to believe that the growth would persist. But since 1979, the market has fallen by 20 per cent and the industry is

operating at less than 50 per

cent of capacity.

Cape Industries said last May

that conditions in the insulation

market were difficult with

prices for materials remaining

very low. But the company's

hope that prices would improve failed to materialize.

second rescue.

Cape is 67 per cent owned by Charter Consolidated, the mi-ning finance house involved in

other parts of the group.

salvaging some jobs.

Cape Industries, the building

of small, 0.7 per cent,



background to the dispute as a Grenfell had prevented Scottish fiercely fought takeover."
He said the issue had hinged on whether Scottish Amicable

had effectively withdrawn its acceptance of the offer. The judge, ordering Scottish Amicable to pay the court costs, said it was difficult to see what "genuine" interest in the legal sense Currys had in applying for the injunction.

Currys' argument had rested During the case Currys had on the basis that Morgan raised the issue of whether

President Reagan has per-sonally approved steep dom-

estic and defence spending cuts

which he plans to presents to his cabinet today in a special

session which White House aides described as "potentially

Mr Reagan tentatively ap-proved a cut of up to 50 per cent

in farm support programmes, a partial freeze defence spending, but his reductions still fell far short of his deficit-reduction

Informed sources said, how-

ever, that progress on cutting the projected deficit in half to

\$100 billion by 1988 had been made primarily because of the

President's personal inter-

Unlike his other budgets,

which have been rejected by

Congress, Mr Reagan has for

the first time conducted an

item-by-item review of pro-posed cuts and tentstively

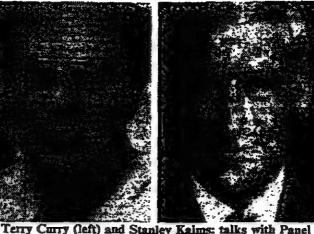
approved many. This will make

it difficult for Cabinet to fight the steep reductions, White

As the budget meetings'

vention in the process.

House officials said.



mind.

Dixons, however, claimed during the case that it had passed the 50 per cent threshold made its first announcement and then again at 3pm last Friday when it announced increased acceptances giving it 51.4 per cent of Currys.

continued, the administration

released both good and bad

economic news yesterday, showing another rise of 2.1 per

cent in sales of new homes last

month but the third consectu-

tive drop in new orders for

factory goods which declined in

October by 2.5 per cent of \$185

slowdown will become a

cession", Mr Makin said.

Reagan plans heavy

farm spending cuts

From Bailey Morris Washington

acceptances should be recognized if the owner was not on the share register - even if it was City practice to do so. The judge ruled that Morgan Grenfell had been right to count

in acceptances from share-holders which had been duly certified by Currys' registrars or the Stock Exchange even though the holder might not yet have register of shareholders. He said: "It would be absurd

if the question of whether an acceptance could be counted or not should depend on the speed with which a clerk or computer operator carries out an administrative task of putting on the register a shareholding

The High Court case marks the end of a two-month battle by Mr Terry Curry, Curry's; joint managing director, to preserve the independence of

Last night both sides were seeing the Takeover Panel The shares of both companies have been suspended on the Stock Exchange pending the outcome of the hearing.

Britain's largest GEC. lectronics group, yesterday eported that pretax profits for he six months to the end of to £332 million on a turnover up 3 per cent to just more than £2.79 billion.

Concern over the economic slowdown has continued to grow in recent weeks to the point that pressure is now mounting on the US Federal Reseve board which acts as a central bank to ease monetary

Mr John H. Makin, director of fiscal policies for the American Enterprise Institute, conservative organization with strong ties to the White House, said yesterday it was time for the Fed to loosen the credit reign and reaffirm its commitment to a 4 per cent growth in the money supply. E640 million. "The Fed has greatly in-creased the risk that the Profits from the group's

£332m at half time for GEC

By Philip Robinson

The group had two star performers: a 25 per cent increase in profits came from its electronic systems and components group and a 50 per cent rise on the amount it earned in interest from its infamous £1.63 billion cash mountain. The £84 million interest figure includes £11 million of adjustments
The performance of the

remainder of its seven divisions remained flat, although the telecommunications and business systems showed an 11 per cent gain to £40 million. Orders at the end of September had grown by 4 per cent since March and export orders climbed from £406 million to

principal activities increased from £218 million to £243 former Imperial G million. Tempus, page 19 tives, to fight it out.

estimated to be only \$12 RHM increase

reserves during November

Pound back

over \$1.20

The pound rose nearly 14 cents in London yesterday.

closing at \$1,2080 as the dollar lost ground against all major currencies. Sterling was down

by two plennigs at the London close, and the overall Sterling

index was up only marginally

New figures for Britain's

official reserves showed a rise of

\$143 million in November,

taking the total to \$15,496

million for Britain's gold and

foreign exchange reserves. But

after taking account of foreign

currency borrowing and repay-

ments, the underlying rise in the

from 74,5 to 74.7.

Ranks Hovis McDougal, the milling, baking and food manufacturing group, has increased pre-tax profits for the year to September I to £51.1 million up from £44.1 million as the benefits of its three-year restructuring programme were felt. Turnover also increased up from £1,179.9 million to £1,230.4 million. The final dividend is 2.756p making 4.356p for the year, against 2.756p for the year, against 4.350p 101 a... 3.974p last time. Tempus, page 19

Argyll surge

Argyll Group, the food retailer which includes the Presto and Lipton chains, saw pretax profits rise from £18.2 million to £23.6 million in the half year to September 30. Turnover, evoluting VAT increased to £769.6 million up from £697.6 million. The directors have proposed an increased interim dividend of 2.1p, against 1.75p last time.

Tempus, page 19

Hall profits

Matthew Hall, the contract engineer, reported pretax profits for the first nine months of this year up from £9.7 million to £10.5 million and is forecasting that the full year will produce profits of about £14 million, against £12.9 million last time. The interim dividend is going up from 1.275p to 1.35p. Tempus, page 19

Bid withdrawn

Mr John Fletcher, the former Asda stores group managing director, yesterday withdrew his takeover bid for Cullens Stores, the ailing grocery and off-licence chain leaving the two remaining contestants, Mr Lew Cartier and Watting (105), a company formed by three former Imperial Group execu-

WADDINGTONS KEEPS ITS PROMISES

INTERIM RESULTS FOR 6 MONTHS TO 29TH SEPTEMBER 1984

Sales	£000 £38,504	up 53%
Trading Profit	£3,310	up 64%
Profit before tax	£3,012	up 85%
Profit attributable to shareholders	£2,181	up 82%
Earnings per share	32.3p	up 50%

KEY POINTS

Plastic packaging is doing well

Business Forms is now a major part of the Company

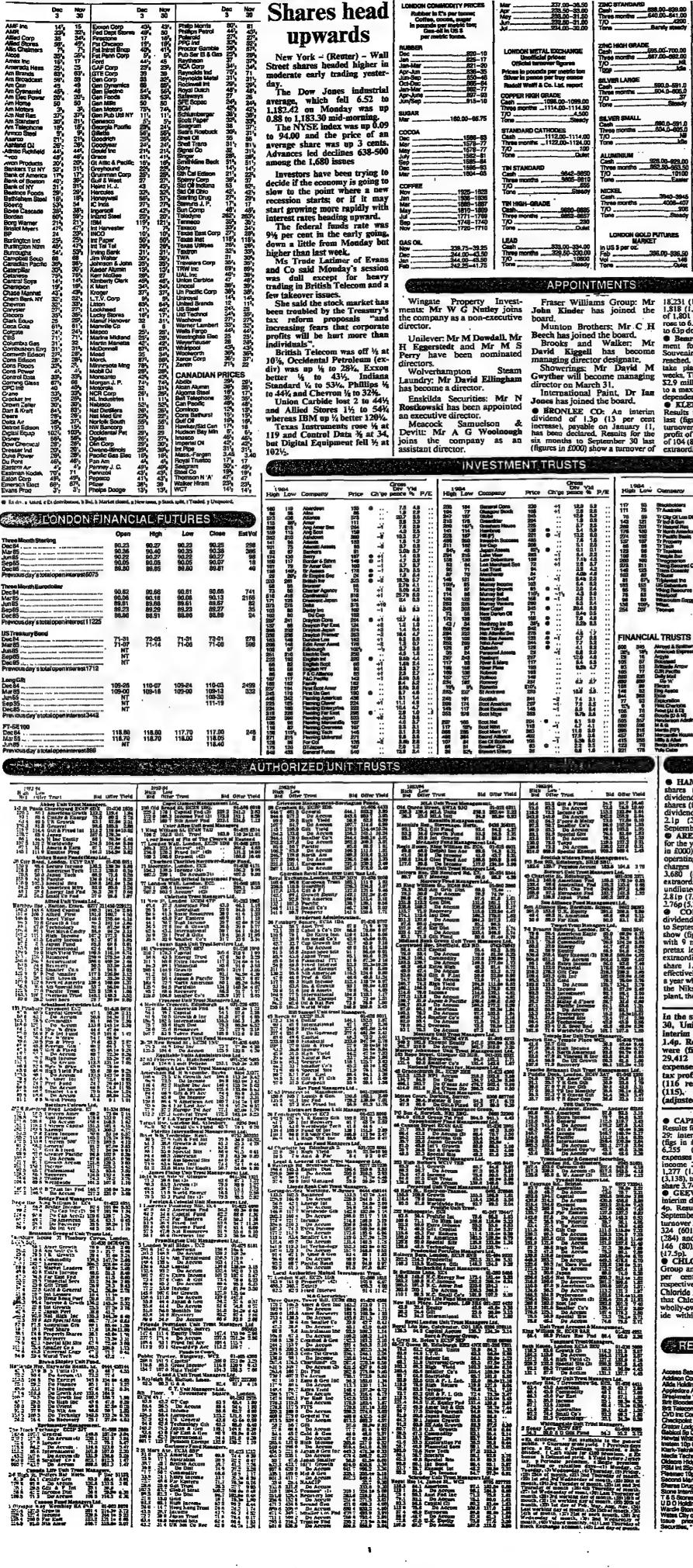
Growth in postage stamp printing

Games performance is excellent in both the UK and North America Interim dividend increased by 60% to 12p net per Ordinary Share

Exciting outlook for the future

REJECT BPCC OFFER-STAY WITH WADDINGTONS

John Waddington PLC



GB: Pigs, 58.40p per kg lw (-1.37). SILVER LARGE England and Walner. Cattle not: up 12.7per cent, eva. price, 95.22p(+1-22). Steep not: up 4.8 per cent, eva. price, 134.45p (-1.30). Pig nos. up 7.3 per cent, eva. price, 87.73p (-1.42). SILVER SMALL Scotland: Catife nos. up 7.3 per cent, ave. pnce, 99.25p (+1.20). Sheep nos. up 0.0 per cent, ave. price, 194.05p (-2.47). Pig nos. up 6.1 per cent, ave, price, 94.32p (-0.69). LONDON GRAIN FUTURES Month Jan Mar May Jiy Sep Nov Cose Cose 2110.45 2118.83 2113.85 2113.85 2113.85 2113.85 2113.85 2119.15 200.00 288.83 297.80 2101.75 2105.80 LONDON GOLD PUTURES
MARKET APPOINTMENTS

Fraser Williams Group: Mr John Kinder has joined the Munton Brothers; Mr C H

David Kiggell has become managing director designate. Showerings: Mr David M Gwyther will become managing

● BRONLEE CO: An interim dividend of 1.3p (13 per cent increase), payable on January 11, has been declared. Results for the six months to September 30 last (figures in £000) show a turnover of

18.231 (16.892), operating profit of 1.818 (1.525) and profit before tax of 1.801 (1.456). Earnings per share ose to 6.2p (5.1p) but shares slippe

rose to 6.2p (5.1p) but shares slipped to 63p down 2p.

• Benrose Corporation: Agreement for the acquistion of the Souvenir Group in the US has been reached. Completion is scheduled to take place within the next two weeks. The price, payable in cash, is \$2.9 million plus a further sum up to a maximum amount of \$350,000 dependent on profits achieved

• KLEEN-EZE HOLDINGS: ● KLEEN-E-ZE, HOLDINGS:
Results for half-year to October 3
last (figures in £000) show group
turnover of 7.160 (6.650), trading
profit of 260 (258) and pretax profit
of 104 (87). Tax totalled 14 (14) and
extraordinary credits were nill (262).

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dividend per £1 non-voting shares 2.1p (2.1p) for 6 months to September 30.

• ARENSON GROUP: Results for the year to July 31 show (figures in £000): turnover 15,101 (15,764), operating profit 873 (129), financing charges 513 (773), pretax profit 3,680 (644 loss), tax 10 (14), extraordinary debit nil (£59), undiluted earnings per ordinary 2.81p (7.23p loss) and fully diluted 2.76p (5.72p loss).

• CORNELL HOLDINGS: no dividend is being paid for the year

◆ CORNELL HOLDINGS: no dividend is being paid for the year to September 1. Results for the year show (figures in £000, comparison with 9 months the previous year): pretax loss 93 (278), no tax (nil), extraordinary debrt nil (83), loss per share 1.61p (4.83p). The figures effectively cover head office costs in a year where, pending completion of the Niksar mineral water bottling plant, there was no turnover.

In the six months to September 30, United Leasing raised its interim dividend from 0.8p to 1.4p. Results for the half year

● CAPITAL AND COUNTIES:
Results for six months to September
29: interim dividend 1.6p (1.4p).
(figs in £000.) OP evating income
6.255 (5.549), Administrative
expenses 1,304 (1.166), other
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MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The dollar suffered a minor relapse on the foreign ex-changes yesterday and the main to benefit was the mark.

A fair amount of chart-based elling across the Atlantic late on Monday particularly on the

COMPANY NEWS

● HAMBROS: dividend per £2 Haggie's interest will be acquired for ● ELECTRICAL AND INDUS-shares (50p paid) 20p (15.25p), 12.5 million rand (approx £5.6 TRIAL INVESTMENT: Results dividend per 5p limited voting million) which will be funded in for the six months to September 30 shares (fully paid) 2p (1,525p), and South Africa.

HOME BREWERY: The com-

HOME BREWERY: The company is paying a final 27.2 per cent net on ordinary and 'S' ordinary, making 43.2 per cent (35.2 per cent) for year to September 30. Results for the year are: (figs in £000) turnover 51,621 (47,492), pre-tax profit 5,886 (6.362), tax 2,303 (3,381).

(2.05p). ● R W TOOTHILL: Results for

■ R W TOOTHILL Results for half year to September 30: Interior dividend 3p (same). (Figs in £000): Sales 1,975 (1,960) excluding vat, pretax profit 112 (155) after all operating costs and expenses, including depreciation 33 (25), tax 53 (72), earnings per share 8:43p (11.86p).

● BASSETT GOODS: Results for the 28 weeks to October 12 last (figures in £000) reveal sales of 35,742 (35,476) and trading profit of 1,810 (1,278). Preux profit totalled 1.522 (1,024) after interest of 288 (255). Earnings per ordinary share were 11.77p (7.66p). The results are in line with the forecast published last March. The group is paying an interim dicidend of 1.68p (1.05p). Shares were 156p up 3p.

is paying an interim dividend of 1.26p in line with the forecast in the

1.20p in line with the forecast in the prospectus. Results for the six months to September 30 last (figures in £000) indicate a turnover of £2,358 (£2,112) and profit before tax of £138 (£130). Earnings per share slipped to 3.61p (4.74p). Shares were unchanged at 115p.

BASSETT GOODS: Results for

Chicago exchange, gave dollar a bad start to the day. signs the South Africans were selling dollars in large quan-tities, mainly favouring the Swiss franc and possibly the

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for the six months to September 30 last (figures in £000) show investment income of 846 (589)

with interest receivable at 226 (134). Pretax profit totalled 1.037 (689). Earnings per share were 801p (494p). FKI Electricals increased its FKI Electricals increased its interim dividend from 0.2p to 0.225p for the 27 weeks to October 5. Respits for the half year show (figures in £s): Group turnover 8,320 (5,279), pretax profits 1.509 (951), tax 191 (nil), pre-acquisition losses 145 (nil), extraordinary debit. 65 (37), earnings per share 1.59p (1.2p adjusted).

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(6.362), tax 2.303 (3.381).

■ DAVID DEKON GROUP: results for half year to September 29; dividend 2.5p (2.22p). (Figs in £000): Turnover 7,478 (7,428), operating profit 538 (281), pretax profit 361 (107), after interest 177 (174), tax 79 (23), minorities 5 (nil), earnings per share 15.14p (4.52p).

■ ATKINS BROS (HOSIERY): Interim dividend 1.35p (same) for 6 months to September 30. (Figs in £000): Turnover 6,307 (5,760), pretax profit 96 (106), tax 38 (30), minorities 3 (nil), EPS 1.47p (2.05p). BARLOW RAND: Mike BARLOW RAND: Mike Rosholt, company chairman, says in the annual report that with the stringent fiscal and monetary policies now being implemented by the South African Government, trading conditions will undoubtedly be extremely difficult in the year ahead. The company aims to maintain this year's sarnings. Shares

maintain this year's earnings. Shares were 515 up 2.

ANGLO NORDIC: In order to 1.4p. Results for the half year were (figures in £s): Turnover 29,412 (17,708), costs and expenses 27,367 (16,421), pretax profit 2,045 (1,287), tax 335 (116 restated), minorities 127 (115), earnings per share (adjusted) 11p (8.2p).

CAPITAL AND COUNTIES: Results for six months to September 29: interim dividend 1.6p (1.4p). (figs in £000.) OP evating income 6,255 (5,549), Administrative expenses 1,304 (1,166), other income 232 (expense 75), interest 1,277 (1,278), pretax profit 4,105 (3,138), tax 1,232 (941), earnings per share 1,000); utrnover 3,574 (3,719), pretax profit 1,000), turnover 3,000 (2,179), pretax profit 30 show (figs in £000), turnover 3,000 (2,179), pretax profit \$5 (106), tax 30 (37), carnings per share 0.8p (1,1p). simplify the ownership structure of Anglo Nordic, F L Smidth has samplity the ownersant structure of Anglo Nordic, F L Smidth has become a direct shareholder in Anglo Nordic, This has been achieved by the purchase of 8,873,263 ordinary shares (approx 46.4 per cent) for cash at 23p per share. The shares were acquired from a subsidiary of Freelanz Investments N.V. in which FLS previously held an indirect 50 per cent interest. Prior to this acquisition, FLS did not own or control any shares in Anglo Nordic except through its interest in Freelanz.

• GENERAL MINING UMION CORPORATION: Buffelsfontein Gold has declared an interim dividend of 375 cents (270). Trans-Natal Coal is paying an interim dividend of 30 cents (same). Marievale Consolidated is paying a final dividend of 36 cents (26), making \$4 (50) for 1984. St Helena had declared a final dividend of 165 cents (790) making 320 (440) for 1984. Stilfonteingold has announced a final dividend of 180 cents (140), making 310 (280) for 1984. Stilfonteingold has announced a final dividend of 180 cents (140), making 310 (280) for 1984. 146 (80), earnings per soare op (17.5p).

CHLORIDE GROUP: Chloride
Group and Haggie, holders of 50.2
per cent and 49.8 per cent respectively of the share capital of Chloride Holdings S.A, have agreed that Chloride SA will, become the wholly-owned subsidiary of Chloride within the next seven years.

1,810 (1,278). Pretax profit totalled 1.522 (1,024) after interest of 288 (255). Earnings per ordinary share were 11.77p (7.66p). The results are in line with the forecast published that Chloride SA will, become the wholly-owned subsidiary of Chloride within the next seven years.

FORMDESIGN: The company is paying an interim dividend of nounced a final dividend of 180 cents (140), making 310 (280) for 1984. Grootviei has declared a final dividend of 104 cents (61) making 165 (126) for 1984. West Rand Consolidated has announced a final dividend of 60 cents (20) making 80 (60) for 1984. All dividends are payable on February 1.

JAMES BURROUGH: Results for the half-year to August 30 last (figures in £000) show a turnover of 27,895 (24,127), including duty. Pretax profit totalled 4,044 (3,980). Earnings per share were 15.7p (13.7p). An interim dividend of 3p (same) has been announced.

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Black, which has 20 per cent,

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Away from this action, the

stock market was suffering from

hangover symtoms after Mon-

Although trading was moder-

continued to comtemplate their

moves now that BT has

absorbed much less of their cash

But if the market generally

hares were at one time 2p

down at 91p.
Trading in BT options started

vesterday and swamped the

market. Activity was bectic with

BT accounting for 23,000 contracts out of a market total

At the close, the FT-30 index:

which now includes BT and

National Westminster Bank instead of Bowater Industries

and the TI Group, was down 7.4

The FT SE share index,

where BT has ousted Johnson Matthey, closed 7.9 down from its 1183.8 point peak achieved

Sentiment was not helped by

results from a clutch of leading

Trafalgar House, profits up

43 per cent, fell 9p to 311p; General Electric Co. (16 per

cent higher) lost 8p to 224p and Pully Peck (69 per cent up)
eased 15p to 224p. But two food
groups, Argyll Group and
Ranks Hovis McDougall,

managed to produce profits

which had not been discounted and recorded headway.

Oils. were mostly lower although Osceola, with South

day's British Telecom party.

high in the market yesterday alongside the merger announce-ment from Reed Stenkouse and Alexander and Alexander

Of the seven other brokers listed on the main London market, five were trading at new share peaks. C E Heath jumped 27p to 548p, Minet Holdings gained 8p to 206p, Sedgwick Group sped 20p higher to 335p, Stewart Wrightson rose 25p to 485p and Willis Faber went 20p

Apart from the renewal of bid excitement in the sector. City men are also looking eagerly towards 1985 and 1986 earnings

Analysis at W Greenwell, the stockbroker, say: There's a definite hardening of reinsurance premium rates following the withdrawal of capacity in the past year. The insurance market cycle is moving in favour of the London brokers". And Laing & Cruiksbank's analyst Mr Vernon Partridge

Insurance brokers were riding says: "The scene is much more suggests there is still a chance of at one time achieving gains of Beecham Group 5p down at encouraging for London brokers than it has been for years and years. It's a professional's growth in carnings for the market now, and that means sector, this could be the right London". On that basis of time to get into the insurance trading enthusiasm, chances of market." Both Chicarp, the more takeover activity look like the icing on the cake for share Drices.

Some analysis are sceptical of bid activity - most British brokers have the tie-ups they

Even before the Bank of England has stated its desired numbers in the new gilts market, traders are speculating that there will be room for just three inter-broker dealers to serve possibly a score of market makers. The figure appears small but under the US system. which Britain is about to adopt there are only about half a dozen serving 39 market makers.

need with American firms, and vice versa - but Mr Philip Olsen, at Kitcat & Aitken,

up to £74 on the back of firmer He says: "Given the coming sterling But in after-bours trading gains were trimmed sector, this could be the right back fit or f /2.

Banking shares also made a fine showing for much of the leading US bank, and American day. But late selling, in the case Express have made known their of Lloyds Bank, turned the rise into a fall on the day and Which broker will be next sharply eroded the gains scored if, indeed, there will be more the other three major bids - is difficult to spot Minet is tied up fairly securely with

British Printing and Com-munications fell 2p to 168p on the issue of the John Wadding-ton defence document. Wad-dington, weak lately, jumped 23p to 528p. The BPCC offer is

Among hi-technology engineers. British Aerospace dipped 7p to 368p, Flight Refinelling lost 7p to 297p and Lucas Industries, which recently reported better-th-u-expected for to 277p. ately active, prices were in-clined to drift lower as still cash-rich institutional investors full-year results, lost 60 to 277n in the generally dull market atmosphere.

Tobacco shares were also in the doldrums, with BAT Industries down 7p at 306p, Rothmans 5p lower at 167p and considerable activity in BT. The Imperial unchanged at the close higher at 94p before closing 1p at 173p, having been pennies

> Smith & Nephew, the medical supplies group, amounces full-year figures week, and the

Cable and Wireless, which USM dealings in the shares of has been strong on the back of Rex Williams Leisure, which supplies pool and snooker tables BT, ran into profit taking, relinquishing 12p of its recent progress at 428p. to pubs, are due to star tomorrow. Margetts & Adden brooke, East, Newton, the stockbroker, is placing the shares at 20p and, despite the problems of Riley Leisure (the shares have fallen from 139p to 39p this year), RWL should achieve at least a 25p opening

> shares slipped 6p off their recent best levels to 219p. There was also slippage for

in the BT celebration on other companies in the pharma-ceutical sector, with Glaxo succession of often good, casionally disappointing, Holdings 7p lower at 1055p and

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378p. Chemicals companies showed mixed fortunes yesterday, with shares such as Brent Chemicals, Coalite and Coates Brothers gaining pennies. But ICI eased 6p to 674p, and BOC Group, which reports figures on Thursday, lost 3p to 254p. Allied Colloids reports half-year pro-fits on Thursday, and these shares were unchanged at 215p.

A rush of American companies to the London market is expected this month - before new EEC-inspired rules make a London listing more expensive and more difficult. Shares of PHH Group, which manages company vehicle fleets and buys and sells houses for relocated executives, will make their debut today. Opening price should be about £29.

Beer shares were subdued ahead of tomorrow's figures from the Bass brewing group.
Matthew Brown gained 2p to
226p on its profit improvement. announced on Monday, and Wolverhampton and Dudley Brewerjes, reporting next week edged ahead 2p to 260p.

Alfred Preedy, the confec-tioner and tobacconist which also reports next week, remained firm, gaining 2p to 118p. Reliant Motor, interim results on Friday, fell 2p to 34p. BL was also dull, down 2p at

Midland support helped Carpets International, up 2p at

Haden Group dipped 12p 10 180p and Matthew Hall fell 8p to 290p on profits disappointment. In textiles, David Dixon surrendered almost all the gain which immediately followed its profit announcement, relapsing to 126p, just 1p firmer.

On the USM lists, Body Shop International came in for some profit-taking, falling 20p to 455p. Brikat Group received similar attentions and lost 10p **TEMPUS**

Argyll shares climb as confidence grows

The Argyll Group has been building up a steady following in recent months and the shares have risen by more than 80p since full-year results were announced in June. Another 6p rise yesterday took the price to 236p as resistance to what many brokers see as one of the best bets in the food retailing sector was broken down furth-

The main problem for Argyll has been to convince the City that it can do more than simply turn round badly managed businesses. The organic growth now being seen from the Presto chain should help its case.

Another reason for Argyll's discount to the sector has been its drinks division. A poor performance in the US, where dollar profits dropped, justifies some scepticism, but the group is confident about the second half and currency differences will provide welcome compen-

Benefits from the Amos Hinton acquisition will not be seen until the next financial year but Argyll is still well placed to make about £51 million in the full year. The shares still look good value.

GEC

Lord Weinstock's GEC still looks a little lost. It ranks among Britain's top three companies, has the sort of cash most companies envy, but in terms of strategy, few can see which way it wants to jump.

In the summer it tried to spend some of the accumulated £1.5 billion on British Aerospace. The talks came to nought. At that time the share price was sliding along the floor in the low 160s and brokers were divided over whether to switch or hold.

By the end of September cash in the bank and shortterm investments had grown to £1.63 billion. The interest on that and currency adjustments

yearly pretax profits GEC reported yesterday. A further third came from electronics systems and components. Seven other divisions made up the rest, most of them showing a rather flat performance.

Electronics showed an out-standing 25 per cent increase to £108 million. Overall, GEC's pre-tax figure came out 16 per cent higher at £332 million on a turnover barely changed at £2.8 billion.

The shares were unimpressed, despite a 17 per cent lift in the interim dividenc to 1.35p. They eased 6p to 226p, not helped by a falling market. The price has performed much in line with the market since August, souching 236p at one

This year will be a good one for the group with full-year profits to next March up 12 per cent to around £750 million. But GEC looks fully valued at this price level and hitherto has had no real rival in the sector, British Telecom looks likely to become one and may this inspire some strategic life yet in GEC, whose market capitalization of more than £5 billion, is just more than half that of

British Telecom, RHM

After three years of rationalzation, restructuring, divestment and general misery Ranks Hovis McDougall has at last been able to present some langible evidence of the benelits of this sea change.

Yesterday's pretax profits of £51.1 million ahead of expectations, and to emphasize the new air of vitality at RHM the statement talked optimistically about the prospects for 1985 and - more suprisingly - 1986.

The total cost of the threeprogramme. which includes a £40 million investment in bakeries, has been about £80 million. It has been now works from a much sounder financial base and has a portfolio of interests which are well placed to capitalize on improving market conditions.

Even the bakeries which have proved to a be drain on resources in the past are set to break even next year. The figures failed to lift the

share price significantly; it rose a mere 11:p to 1141:p. The shares have had a good run and those who sold at a lower level are perhaps reluctant to come in again at this new price. However, there is room for modest growth in the short

term and there is great confidence about the longer term prospects. With talk of a bid for RHM never far away, the shares look attractive.

Matthew Hall

The relentless rise in the profits of Matthew Hall, the contract engineer, continues, despite the miners' dispute which will cost the group £750,000 this year and persistent losses in the United States.

In the first nine months of this year, pretax profits rose from £9.7 million to £10.3 million and the group is forecasting that the full year will map out at about £14 million, against £12.9 million last time.

With the group's cash mountain still hovering at about the £45 million mark and the current order book 10 per enet up on this time last year, it is small wonder that the shares are afforded such a generous rating compared with company's bigger if less suc-cessful competitors, John Brown and Davy Corporation.

If there is a worry, it is that the group may now feel the time is ripe for a big acquisition and this could cause some short-term weakness in

The Scottish Metropolitan Property PLC

"Further Growth in Value of Property Portfolio."

Main points from the Report for the year ended 15th August, 1984, and the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. David Walton, CSU JP Hon FRCPS (Glass.)

- *Increase in Net Revenue from Properties to £7.1m (£6.8m).
- * Dividend payment increased to 3.75p net per share
- ★ Internal property valuation at 15th August 1984 amounted to £118.7m, producing a surplus of £7.87m.
- ♦ Net assets per Share have risen to 110p per share. *New investment and development activity will continue in areas where full potential can be exploited.

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American dreams, surged 20p. James Latham, the Clapton, London, timber merchant, gained 18p to 283p. Figures are

due next week.

The withdrawal of the St Pauls Stores bid, leaving just two contenders in the field. chipped Cullen's Stores, the A shares falling 20p at 350p.
Gilts were moderately lively,

Ranks Hovis McDougall profits at £51 million

***Increased dividends *Earnings per share up**

Final Dividend Increased

The profit for the financial year attributable to the members of the Company is £24.7 million. The directors recommend a final dividend of 2.756 pence per share on the Ordinary shares which represents an increase of 12.5 per cent over last year's final dividend. With the interim dividend already paid, dividends total 4.356 pence per share, absorbing £12,212,000. Together with the related tax credit at the rate of 30 per cent the total dividend is the equivalent of 6.223 pence per share for the year.

Profits increased by £7 million

The Group's profit before taxation for the financial year to 1 September 1984 was £51.1 million compared with £44.1 million for the previous year. External sales, excluding the agricultural division, increased from £1,180 million to £1,230 million.

The record profits were attributable to a general improvement in the results of most parts of the Group with good increases from our flour milling, packaged cake and grocery activities. British Bakeries, despite a very competitive market place, reported a further significant reduction in its trading loss. Trading profits in the United States were below those of the previous year whereas profits in the Pacific region showed further improvement.

Interest payable for the year was halved mainly as a result of the disposal of the agricultural division at the end of the previous financial year.

An encouraging outlook

The first results from the divestment and stringent rationalisation measures we have been taking over the last three years are reflected in the profits reported above, and I expect further significant improvements to show in 1985

Our profits to date are well ahead of last year and I expect the results for the half-year to confirm this

PW J Reynolds, Chairman

Interim Report

Group results for the nine months to 30 September 1984

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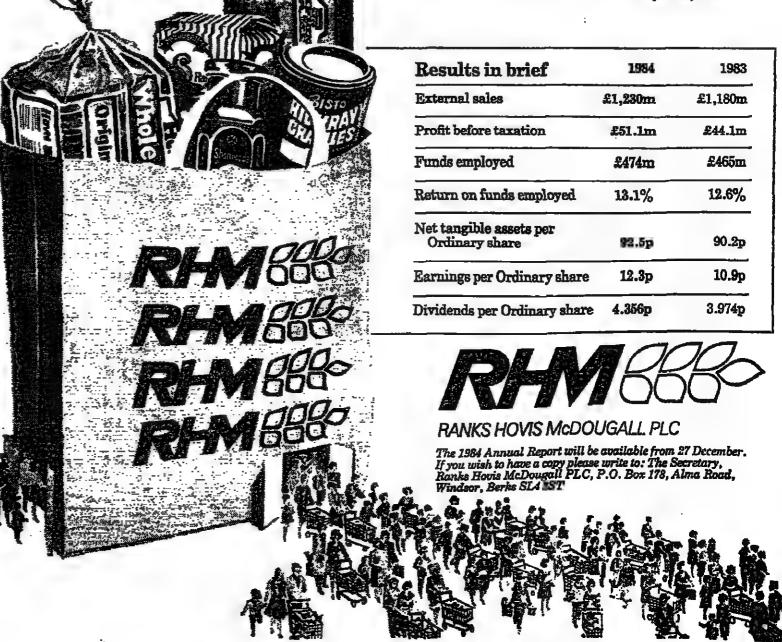
There are a	30 Sept 84 £000	30 Sept 83 £000	31 Dec 83 £000
Turnover	271,203.	269,817	361,165
Profit on trading Mechanical and electrical Oil, gas, chemical and mining	3,859 3,127	3,881 2,420	5,186 3,086
Interest receivable (net)	6,986 3,553	6,301 3,377	8,272 4,590
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation Taxation charge for the period	10,539 (5,401)	9,678 (5,707)	12,862 (7,080)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation Outside shareholders' interests	5,138	3,971	5,782 (2)
Profit before extraordinary item Extraordinary item - deferred taxation	5,139	3,970	5,780 (1,877)
Profit attributable to shareholders	5,139	3,970	3,903
Ordinary dividends	461	436	2,383
Earnings per share after taxation	· 15.03p	11.62p	16.91p
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Salient Points from the Interim Report to Shareholders

- Group pre-tax profit £10.539m, an increase of 9%.
- Good results from mechanical and electrical sector.
- Oil, gas and chemical UK and Dutch companies have achieved our expectations. Improvement seen in USA and Asia-Pacific. Mining in USA gradually improving but results affected by UK miners' strike.
- Despite keen competition pre-tax profit for full year expected to be around £14m.
- Interim dividend 1.35p per share.

Matthew Hall PLC

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The General Electric Company plc

1. The unaudited results for the six months ended 30th September 1984 are:

	6 months to 30th Sept. 1984 £ million	6 months to 30th Sept. 1983 £ million	Year to 31st March 1984 £ million
Profit before taxation	332	285	671
Estimated taxation	<u> 141</u> 191	117	<u>268</u> 403
Minority Interests	<u>9</u> 	164	<u>13</u> 390
Earnings per share	<u>—— 6.бр</u>	6.0p	14.2p

Interim Report

- The directors have declared an interim dividend on the Ordinary Shares of 1.35p (1983, 1.15p) per share payable on 29th March 1985 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 14th February 1985. The cost of the interim dividend is £37 million (1983, £32 million).
- 3. Profits of the principal activities increased from £218 million to £243 million. This was achieved despite lower returns from a number of businesses affected by a reduction in demand or by other adverse factors. The order book at 30th September was 4 per cent higher than at 31st March 1984; orders received in the six months were 13 per cent higher than in the same period of the previous year, with export orders up from £406 million to £640 million.

Profit before Tax		Turnover	
1984	1983	1984	1983
£m	£m	£m	£m
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19	22	221	205
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- 5. Interest receivable in 1984 of £84 million includes an adjustment of £11 million credit in respect of revaluation of the Company's holding of foreign currencies. There was no material adjustment in respect of the six months to 30th September 1983, but there was a credit of £14 million for the financial year to 31st March 1984.
- 6. Bank deposits, short-term investments and net balances with bankers amounted to £1,637 million at

30th September 1984 (£1,516 million at 31st M	larch 1984).			
7. (a) Territorial analysis of results	Profit before Tax		Turnover	
of Principal Activities	1984	1983	1984	1983
	£m	£m	£m	Ĺm
United Kingdom	172	169	1,234	1,097
Rest of Europe	17	10	235	220
The Americas	43	25	564	452
Australasia	5	7	127	114
Asia	5	6	304	318
Africa	1	1	115	119
	243	218	2,579	2,320
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China navy buys British

China has held talks with Chinese navy is one of the Britain about re-equipping its 2,400-ship navy with advanced systems. The commander of the country's naval forces, Mr Liu Huaqing is known to have visited Britain for talks with required of a modern ficet. both the Ministry of Defence and several military equipment suppliers.

Mr Liu ia also thought to have held talks with other western nations, but the first British order has been placed.

Marconi Communications has a £6.4 million contract to supply a high-frequency communications system similar to that already in use with the United States, Dutch, Greek and Nigerian navies.

The size of the order belies the potential exports. The

largest in the world (with four times more personnel than the Royal Navy), but the standard of its hardware is said by observers to be well below that

The system ordered is known as the NTC2, which is likely to be used in frigates, destroyers and in an onshore communications base. The original "naval tactical command" sys-tem was developed for smaller

It has been advanced by using a Scafox control system using a scalox control system and by applying techniques used in the "intergrated communications system", as fitted in all Royal Navy Type 22 frigates, the Invincible-type light aircraft carriers, Type 42

destroyers and other ships. The US Navy has placed a similar order to equip a new helicopter dock ship that is up to three times as large as the Invincibles. The Marconi order is thought

to be the first given by China to straints for next year.

Straints for next year.

Viscount said the two have pany for naval equipment. Negotiations with other companies have been in progress for more than 18 months and the visit of an officer of Mr Liu Huaqing's seniority is an indication of the advanced stage

Peking has almost certainly embarked on a long-term programme to upgrade its fleet, but it is thought to be mainly concerned to commission a sufficient number of advanced ships to protect its offshore oil

EEC and Japan close to video export accord

Tokyo (AP-Dow Jones) – million units. The two parties viscount Etienne Davignon, vice-president of the Com-Japanese exports for 1984 to 3.95 million finished units plus ties, said that the European Lambda Innihilion semi-manufactured Economic Committee and Japan may come to an agreement early next week on video tape recorder (VTR) export re-

agreed to continue the talks into next week and not to make public particulars of the dis-

Working-level talks between the EEC and Japan began Tokyo last week, but meetings etween Viscount Davignon and Ms Keijiro Murata, Japan's Minister of International Trade

day.

The EEC believes the (vtr) market will be about 5 million units in 1985, while Japan claims demand will be around 6

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Viscount Davignon also said: "We at the EEC have not been very successful at seeing our exports (to Japan) increase". But he pointed out that bilateral ties have greatly improved from what used to be "a non-existent relationship", thanks to in-creased dialogue

He said the biggest obstacles in the bilateral relations remain Japan's inadequate imports and distribution of goods, low investment in Europe and insufficient liberalization of its. financial markets.

He said the time had come for Japan and the EC to break away from broad discussions of cooperation and talk about specific areas of friction.

Peking considers buying the Airbus

Paris (AP-Dow Jones) - The however, that such an agree-Airbus Industrie consortium ment depends entirely on stands a good chance of winning whether China's aviation indusa Chinese order for three A310 try has the technological port minister, said yesterday. The Airbus talks are part of a broad drive by French com-panies to win contracts and commuter jets being built by

boost trade in the transport France's Aerospatiale in asso-sector, M Auroux said. The ciation with the Italian comtransfer of technology France to China will play an important role in this, he said.

M Auroux, who was com-menting on his recent official

visit to China, said talks between the Chinese and Airbus Industrie have reached a "detailed, technical" level that could lead to the manufacture in China of parts for the consortium's A320 medium-

Airbus commercial jets, Mr capacity to produce compo-Jean Auroux, the French trans-nents of sufficiently high quality.

> France's Aerospatiale in assopany Aeritalia, M Auroux said. The consortium has indicated it is willing to give a substantial amount of work to China, including the manufacture of wing boxes,

Other deals being negotiated by French companies include a car plant in China for Peugeot, the export of the Renault 9 or another Renault model in kit form for assembly in China and nge aircraft. an export order for 3,000 Talbot Industry sources commented. Horizon cars.

W German jobless trend falls for third month

ployment in West Germany by almost 45,000 last month, but the underlying trend fell for the third month running, the labour office said yesterday.

The office said the jobless total rose to 2.19 million, or 8.8 per cent of the workforce, from 2.14 million or 8.6 per cent in When adjusted for seasonal

Nuremberg (Reuter) - Unem-oyment in West Germany month. In November, 1983, the figure was 2.25 million.

The adjusted figure has fallen each month since August, when it was at 2.32 million. Separately, the economics

ministry announced in Bonn yesterday that industrial pro-duction rose a provisional 2.3 per cent in October after falling slightly in September. The factors, however, unemploy-ment fell to 2.26 million from higher than in October last year.

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(ECONOMIC COMMENTARY) How to beat cheap labour countries

By Douglas Hague

Microprocessors can save the old industries and be more revolutionary than steam

Genuine industrial revolutions are a leap in the dark. They frighten people, particularly the British who have come to believe that they have mishandled the last one.

Yet even successful political cconomies must be aware of over-reliance on past experience as a guide to the new. Some of the seeds of Britain's twentieth century troubles were sown in the early nineteenth when Britain was the world's first truly urban industrial society. Commercially pre-eminent but nervous with the unfamiliarity of the new, we clung to the social hierachies and ngidities of our rural agrarian past

A journey into an industrial revolution should, therefore, be an occasion for humility and agnosticism, at least until certain landmarks can be

Already it is clear that the microprocessor is in the big league of revolutionary indus-trial developments. It is, indeed, in a class of its own, its impact surpassing by far that of the steam engine. Steam never revolutionzed life in the Victorian home. There never was a sunrise industry producing home steam engines for a mass

We have already seen the application of the micro-processor to the control of household equipment, with the rapid spread of video-recorders and home computers. The household has become a small factory, nowadays usually hav- Bristol/Norwich. But tech- evidence that our performance

With developments in telehome banking, home shopping and the like, the home bids fair to become also a small telecommunications centre.

We need to widen our view beyond the microprocessor, and beyond the sunrise industies which ar closely connected with it. Even the Japanese are now beginning to explain to conntries like South Korea that the passing of "smokestack" industries from Japan to them is no longer a foregone conclusion,

The party line in Japan now seems to be that the microprocessor makes possible the installation in yesterday's in-dustries of robots on a scale which makes continuing com-petition with cheap labour countries elsewhere in the Pacific still a commercial proposition,

dramatic increase in productivity in British Industry in recent years. It may lead to the regeneration of basic industries in Britain provided we work with it rather than against it.

Since microprocessors can get into every part of the econon-my, this industrial revolution ally can revolutionize every-

thing.
It will do so not least because. its second characteristic is that it is a decentralizing revolution. becomes increasingly probable that the development of large-scale manufacturing industry will trun out to have been a typical

ing about 20-30 electric motors. nology may change even this. in this respect is yet improving.

There will in future be less reason than during the past two centuries for economic activity to be tied to particular locations or particular parts of the country. Many of us will work

vision and computing leading to at or near home, and it will no longer be so necessary for the home to be near a large industrial centre. These developments also have significant implications

for the trade unions. If an increasing proportion of the population is working in rela-tively small businesses, both the perceived need for trade unions and the ability to organize them effectively must decline. Trade unions as we know them may turn out, in the longer view, to have been as transitory as the industrial system which gave rise to them.

We also need to recognize that this revolution is an

could lead to a reduction in the use of some materials, and not least in fuel. Even an office block full of chemical plant, This is happening in Britain messages on television screens, too, though for all kinds of the more we shall economize on reasons, we rarely discuss it. It the use of paper. Some of the worst excesses of which conserved by Again, the more we read vationists complain could be ending.

A revolution which makes it easier for us to process and transport information among wires and through the air rather than to produce more physical products - must restrain the growth of the transport system. The use of smaller offices nearer home will mean less commuting.

Perhaps the most distinctive aracteristic of the present industrial revolution, however, is that it is more closely linked than ever to scientific discovery and development. This has Experts have been arguing for country like Britain which has some time that the axis of been less successful than its industrial activity in Britain main competitors in translating which in the past ran from basic scientific development London to Liverpool and into products which can be sold Manchester, is moving to round the world. There is no

That is why it is so important that the efforts being made in both the public and private sectors to improve the effectiveness of R and D must succeed.

If in this respect the revolution is not precisely what the British appear to run small organizations more successfully than large ones; decentralized ones better than centralized

The cevelopments of the last century have made life harder. now seem to be entering a period where what will be required is what the British do best. Perhaps, at last, our economic miracle is on the way.

Sir Douglas Hague is chair-man of the Economic and Social Research council.

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India drop spinners for first one-day match

From Richard Streeton Poore

There is little break from cricket or travelling on modern tours. The England and Indian players left Bombay in a coach convoy at breakfast time for the four-hour journey to Poona, where they meet loday in the first of the five one-day today in the first of the five one-day international matches being played this tour. England lead 6-3 in such games between the two countries, though India won by six wickets in the 1983 World cup semi-finals, at Old Trafford, which was the last occasion on which they met.

England's 12 practically chose themselves once Allott was ruled out with a recurrence of his recent back trouble, which is now causing

back trouble, which is now causing some concern. Allott stayed behind in Bombay for medical treatment. If he has not recovered in time for the three-day zonal match, starting on Friday there, the Lancashire bowler will presumably have to be left out of consideration for the second Test match, which begins in Delhi on December 12.

Marks, the one-day specialist off spinors, the one-day specialist off spinors.

spinner, was a certain choice for today and Pocock stayed behind in Bombay to keep Alloit company, Moxon, who has yet to play a game, obviously could not be picked and

French, the reserve wicketkeeper, has to stand down again,
The match has aroused enormous interest in Poons, these days a sprawling industrial city with a population well past the 1.5m mark.

It seems hard to realize that India has become a fanatical supporter of imited-overs cricket, to the detriment of attendance at first-class

fixtures.

In this, of course, India have followed a worldwide pattern. From that hastily arranged game at Melbourne in January, 1971, one-day internationals have become a crucial part, not least financially, of modern cricket. By the end of the summer in the southern hemi-sphere, something like 300 matches of the type will have taken place in all parts of the globe. 1983 aione staged 67 of them. No country more than India sensibly chooses different players

from the Test matches for these one-day games and nothing, perhaps, so emphasizes the completely different nature of the cricket played, Shasin. who is worth his place on batting alone, is included, but out go the three spinners. Yaday. Sivaramakrishnan and Maninder Singh, from the Indian party of 14 which gathered for the first Test match in Romba.

Kirmani, the wicketkeeper, who scored a Test hundred on Saturday, together with Amarnath, Gaekwad, and Azuruddhin, all solid players rather than strokemakers, are also omitted. In their places come the all-rounders Yashpal Sharma and Binny, together with the forcefulopening batsmen Srikkanth and Kiran more, who is also the wicketkeeper and Rajinder Singh mediately after the Christmas break Zeuland's problems in Pakistan, I Ghai, the medium-pace bowler, who in Calcutta, is scheduled for thought the change was inevitable.

The one-day series is completed with three games between the fourth and fifth Test matches at Bangalore Just as England, I jeel, could learn a lesson from the different Indian selections for Tests and one-day games, so, perhaps, could English cricket consider the Indian playing hours on these occasions. Once

Marks: one-day specialist in today's 12 at Poona

again there will be only one interval - the lunch break - separating the two innings. In theory it is 50 over match, but only 46 or 47 are usually achieved. Though the morning dew would always preclude a half past nine start, as in India, it might not be a had idea in the NatWest final to put

interval. Forecasting limited-overs cricket is a thankless pastime. Older tour bands know the depression which can set in after a Test match setback and I suspect, regretfully, that India could win here in Poona, though not necessarily later in the programme. The second one-day match, im-

played against England at Ahmeda-

on January 20, Naypur on January 23, and Chandigarh on January 27, though this last venue might set be changed.

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Change sought

Wellington, (AFPI - The chair-man of the New Zealand Cricket Council, Bob Vance, yesterday added his support to the call for neutral umpires in Test matches. In a television interview. Mr Vance said neutral umpires were possible, but it would be expensive for New Zealand to bring them from the other side of the world. Given New

Crowe and Coney are in command

Bahawal (Reuter) - Evan Gray hit a fine 56 and his captain, Jeremy Coney, an unbeaten 49 as New Zealand reached 191 for two at the close of the first day of their three-

day match against a Punjab Governor's XI here. The in-form Jeff Crowe was still In with Concy at stumps, having hit 44 in a third-wicket partnership of

New Zealand, after winning the loss on a straw-coloured, grassics

pitch, were given a sound start of 52 by Bruce Edgar and Gray, who was promoted to opener as an experiment. The New Zealanders found run-making difficult against a keen local side, whose attack lacked preservation but keep a good line.

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European tour

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to be separate

The Professional Golfers' Association and the PGA European tour will become separate bodies from January I. The division was agreed unanimously by PGA members during a special general meeting of the association at the Balfry club.

the association at the Belfry club near Sotton Coldfield yesterday.

formation in 1901, new constitutions will create companies known as the Professional Golfers' Association Limited and the PGA European

Tour. -Ronnie Alexander, chairman of the PGA's present board of management, which will cease to

For the first time since the PGA's

GOLF



Joint winners: Miss Waite (left) and Miss Stewart

Sharing their success

Claire Waite, of Swindon, and Gillian Stewart, of Inverness, received their awards in London vesterday after sharing the Avia Watches Trophy for the 1984 woman golfer of the year. Miss Waite, aged 20, who played

in the Curtis Cup at Muirfield this year, won both the English championship and the British stroke-play championship during a memorable summer which led to her playing for Great Britain and Ireland in the recent world team championship in Hongkong.

Miss Stewart, 26, who was surprisingly omitted from the Curtis Cup, won the Scottish championship for a third time and, after also collecting the Helen Holm Trophy. she scored a remarkable five points out of six in the Holm Inter-

Miss Stewart, who also represented Great Britain and Ireland in the women's world team championship, also had a remark-able victory in the European Open championship in which she finished in front of all the professionals

function at the end of the year, explained to members that the business activities of the association had led to bealthy surpluses in recent years. This had enabled the PGA to expand their training and support services, but had also let to growing commercial responsibilities d a consequent need to consider how best to protect the interests of all involved in the PGA. The growth of the tournament

division's commercial activities had also to be acknowledged, he said, and it was recognised that the aims and requirements of the two bodies "were becoming more distinct."

Under their new constitution the PGA will comprise their six existing geographical regions and the women's PGA.

BOBSLEIGHING

Phipps in class of his own

Winterberg, West Germany -Nick Phipps is likely to turn this week's British bobsleigh champion-ships, sponsored by Allied Steel, bere into a one-man show (Chris Moore writes).

Phipps is proving so much in a class of his own that it is already taken for granted here that he and his brakeman, Alan Cearns, will be runaway winners of the gold medal in the two-man event.

After the first four laufs of official practice, the 32-year-old Londoner had a lead of more than four seconds over his chief rival, the defending champion, Tom De La

To help build up his motivation. Phipps is aiming to win the title by the widest-ever margin and to break the British record started of 5.20

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Wark's two

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Liverpool

moving up

By Leslie Duxbury

An unsatisfactory sort of victory

hoisted Liverpool into sixth place in the first division last night

position that looked desperately unlikely not so very long ago.

Unispired Coventry were apparently well beaten that the cham-

Suggestions that there might be hanges in the Liverpool side after

Saturday's emphatic defeat at Chelsea proved unfounded and the

same squad bounced jauntily onto the field. Wark looked rather less jaunty after Rush had channelled him plumb down the middle of the area only for the Scot to miskick

area only for the Scot to misklek with theatrical totality.
Coventry, themselves, began to generate an interesting line in aggression. Hansen was positively undone by Regis's determination to win the all and only a sweeping tackle by Lawrenson frustrated. Gynn at the far post.
But in the eighth minute

the left. Grobbelaar rushed out of his goal and it was his fortune not to

the match which was again emphasized in the twentyfifth

compassive in the twentynth munute. Peake apparently handled in the penalty area and Rush scored from the spot with a fierce low shot. Coventry looked a mite dishevelled

and even when Gibson seemed to be about to raise their spirits Grobbe-laar shot out of his area to dispossess him.

and optimism are boundless gave Liverpool their beat for the second

half with a mazy run and a shot thumped into the Coventry goal-

keeper's solar plexus.

But his colleague rather failed to respond to his lead, and there was an outbreak of encouraging hand clapping in the side which is usually

a signal that frustration is creeping

Inevitably. Johnston tried to halt the decline with another splendid thump of a shot but then he had to watch Rush move into his favourite

killing ground on the left and then shoot near enough to Ogrizovic for him to grab the ball.

it was a tame second balf display

by the champions, who allowed the visitors back into the game when Hansen scored a seventy-fifth minute own goal, only for Wark to score again in the chadren as Nace A

pendiente, of Argentina, arrived in

Tokyo yesterday for their World Club Championship match against Liverpool. the Europeans champions on Sunday.

pions on Sunday.

The 16-man squad, led by their coach Jose Omar Pastoriza, arrived two days ahead of Liverpool after a 36-hour flight. Pastoriza said his side were in excellent condition and there were no injury problems. Enzo Trosseri, the captain, added: "We came here not to win just for Independients — we came here to win for Arcentine soccer fans."

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Bonn (Reuter) - West German

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Liverpool. Coventry City ...

Clubs must end restrictions on players from the EEC

the greatest threat to its survival as we know it since the abolition of the maximum wage, It was confirmed in Brussels yesterday that England, along with other federations operating within the EEC, must open their doors to allow all players belonging to the member nations freedom of

Richard, the EEC Commissioner, informed a UEFA delegation that "the change can be gradual, but change there must be. The beginning of the 1986-87 season is the deadline for the new ruling, instead of next season as originally planned.

Though the spirit of this law is an honourable one, its effect on professional football could be more damaging than beneficial. The average player would be the first to feel the pinch from foreign competition, but eventually the international game would suffer.

It could cause a lowering of standards all around Europe. and perhaps even the loss of national identity. English cricket has already supplied us with evidence. The influx of overseas players in this sport in recent years has stunted the growth of the younger players and left the national tream

It is another step towards a clubs in Britain who could compete with the lure of lire international teams. and the pescta. The news, however, is not welcomed by most UEFA members. Eight of the 13 already operate restrictions in the number of foreigners allowed at each club, which at the moment is normally two. problem It costs a lot to persuade some of Britain's better players to

Peter Day, the Tottenham Hotspur secretary, said yesterday that they would have to consider any player whom they thought could improve their

English football is faced with as Osvaldo Ardiles can be a positive inspiration to the

> The Professional Footbal-Association secretary, Gordon Taylor, said: "The football authorities realize only too well the dangers of opening the floodgates to foreigners, and I would be surprised if they do not keep some limit, say three or four foreign players per club

• BRUSSELS The Football League secretary, Graham Kelly, attended the meeting, along with the UEFA president, Jacques Georges, UEFA's legal adviser. Louis Wouters, and representatives of all the national associations (PA re-ports), "He (Mr Richard) stressed that such restrictions are contrary to EEC law and

"We are against abandoning restrictions entirely because of the effects that would have at both club and international level. It would put us at a European, never mind English, disadvantage against clubs from super league. There are very few outside the Common Market disadvantage against clubs from and could dilute the quality of

"We are not asking for the immediate free movement of footballers," a Commission source said, (AP reports) "We want to have a persuasive rather than legalistic approach to the

in the EEC, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and Luxembourg have no nationality restrictions. Belgium allows no more than three foreigners at clubs. The seven other federations, includteam. When kept to a minimum ing England, do not allow more number, of course, players such than two foreigners.



Alan Devonshire, the West Ham United and England midfield player who has been out of the game through injury for the past 11 months, is ahead of schedule for a comeback. He played in a reserve match against Ipswich Town vesterday and John Lyall, the West Ham manager, said: "I expect to Ham manager, said: "I expect to have him back in the side soon,"

Devonshire damaged knee liga-ments in an FA Cup tie against Wigan Athletic last season and I vall progress. We are looking forward to having him back in the team. He is the sort of player who is impossible

Day calls in PFA 'referee'

Mercyn Day has asked the Professional Footballers' Association to step into his dispute with the Aston Villa manager, Graham Aston Villa manager. Graham Turner, Day was suspended for two weeks without pay for criticizing Turner after he had been dropped from the team and has appealed against the decision.

Gordon Taylor, the PFA secretary, said: "I will be holding talks with the player and his manager as soon as possible and hope the situation will be resolved quickly."

Mark Wright, the England centre

 Mark Wright, the England centre half, will have a discussion aimed at clearing the air with the Southampten manager. Lawrie McMenemy, tomorrow. The player has been in dispute since an alleged dressingtoom skirmish with McMenemy. He has resumed training on the advice of Gordon Taylor, the PFA

Wolverhampton, is to get rid of seven players. Tony Evans, Danny Crainie, Sammy Troughton and Martin Baily are up for sale and three reserves, Joe Jackson, Stuart Watkiss and Rogers Precee, can have free transfers. "By unloading them that the present the property of the them it will give us a bit of breathing space to bring in newcomers and allow a few more younger players to press their claims," Mr Docherty

Yesterday's result FIRST DIVISION: Liverpoot 3. Coventry City 1, Cuest 5 Park Rangers 2, Stoke City 0, FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Ipswich 0, West

Monday's results GULA LEAGUE: Numerion 3, Worcester () SCUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier divi Postponed Corby v AP Learnington.
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Bogner Regis v Ensom and Ewell
UNDER 11 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP:
Berastre 1. Outproshire 2



Devonshire: played in a

(extel reports).
"Technically, this decision

means clubs could send out teams comprising 11 foreigners. But the dangers are obvious. We could lose our best players abroad, and they could be replaced by people of inferior quality, bringing a decline in the standard of the English League overall

that there must be progress towards coming into line with that law," Mr Kelly said.

Of the 13 football federations

tonight's Milk Cup fourth round play against Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane. Their captain. Shaun Elliott, has completed a three-match ban and returns to the centre of the defence. while Mark Proctor has recovered from a knee injury after missing the last two matches

The return of Elliott will enable Sunderland to revert to a sweeper system in their attempt to improve a poor away record - they have taken only three League points out of a possible 27.

With Elliott back in the side, the Sunderland manager. Len Ashurst, is demanding greater determination from his side. "We have blown hot and cold all season and now it is time to show more resilience away from home," he said, "We have to start somewhere, and what a great nightt it would be if it happened

The England Under-21 international. Nick Pickering is again ruled out with a thigh injury and Stan Cummins is cup-tied. Sunderland will choose from a squad of 13.

Meanwhile. Tottenham have recalled Sunderland-born Mike Hazard, who was dropped to make

by Elliott's return way for the return of Tony Galvin at Coventry City on Saturday. He now displaces the Republic of Ireland

Elliott: returns after three-match ban

Sunderland boosted

Tony is still not 100 per cent fit after hamstring trouble, so he's going to have a rest", the Tottenham essistant manager, John Pratt, said.

Hazard plays alongside Glenn Hoddle in midfield, although Peter Shreeves, the Tottenham manager, has doubts about the partnership. "I've still got an open mind about it", he said, "I would always hope that if you throw boys of extremely good ability in together they will

conjure up something.

The first time they played together, at Ipswich, we won 3-0. They needed a settling in period of 20 minutes, but after that it worked

LIVERPOOLE B. Groboelast; P. Nasi, A. Hansen, M. Lawrengon, B. Nicol, A. Hansen, K. Dogfish, J. Molby, I. Rush, C. Johnston, J. Wark, Suz. R. Whelen, C. Johnston, J. Wark, Suz. R. Whelen, M. Adams, I. Butterworth, B. Kicken, T. Peake, D. Bonnest, M. Gynn, C. Regis, T. Gibson, P. Barnes, Suit: N. Plathatuer, very well.
"Hoewever, against Bohemlans they didn't seem to gel. I had to do something about it during the game playing well". Tokyo (Reuter) - The South

Despite these doubts. Shreeves will be looking for an improvement on Tottenham's recent home form Watford, "It will be very closely

the Gola League from the Northern

Premier League four years ago they were regarded at first as something of a novelty; the coal fires to the

dressing rooms frequently caused surprise if not amusement among visiting players and officials.

They have more than held their own in the league, however, and have reached the first round of the cup for

reaction the irrst round of the cup for the past two years despite having to play in the early qualifying rounds. Victory over Stalybridge Ceitic in this season's first round has put them through to the second round

them through to the second round for the first time.

Frickley have never beaten a League club is the Cup and face a difficult task at Darlington. Under the astute management of Cyril knowles, who was born just down the road from Frickley at Pontefract, Darlington, are oballensing for

Darlington are challenging for promotion from the fourth division

nd have been beaten only once this

Frickley lift the miners' spirits

The financial future of Frickley Athletic appeared bright 10 months ago. The Gola League club had just appointed a commercial manager—
the first full-time employee is the
club's 74-year history—and their
fund-rak-ing activities were starting
to show a healthy profit. Then came
the miners' strike.

Frickley, who on Saturday travel

Frickley, who on Saturday travel to Darlington in the second round of the FA Cup, come from the south Yorkshire mining village of South Einsall. The local culliery, which overlooks the football ground, employs 1,800 people and the strike has directly affected almost every member of the village's 11,000 pountation. Before the strike, 50 per cent of

more than £9,000 and lottery sales are down 50 per cent. "There's just no mone; in the village", Michael luib; Frickley's chairman, said.

Remarkably, the club are still breaking even. The 12 committee mombers, both here were the club are still breaking even.



himself frequently spends his evenings selling lottery tickets around local pubs and clubs. The

around local pubs and clubs. The team, three of whom are striking miners, have accepted wage cuts. "They appreciate the situation", Mr Twiby said. "Regrettably, we've even had to cut the Cup bonuses that we usually pay for getting this far."

The only area in which the strike has benefited Frickley is attendances, which have gone up this season from an average of 500 to 500. "A lot of people used to go to watch Leeds or one of the Sheffield clubs," Mr Twiby said. "Because they can't Mr Twiby said. "Because they can't

Mr Twiby said. "Because they can't afford to go there any more some of them are coming to watch os."

Sean Marshall, Frickley's player-manager, helieves the Cap run has been important for the local community. "It's given people something to talk about," he said. "hart from the nit and us there's." ".\part from the pit and us there's not much else in the village and until now they're just had the cold

season. Marshall, however, knows all about giant-killing, having been a regular member of Scarborough's successful Cup team of the 1970s. Schools football Charterhouse do ancestors proud

Charterhouse

In a match that lived up to the tradition of their 120-year-old schools fixture. Charterhouse were yesterday good value for their comfortable win at Vincent Square.

Although Westminster scorned an early chance from a free kick, it was Adomakah who opened the scoring after 10 minutes for Charterhouse. He picked up a loose

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Five minutes later Baker looped
in a long shot but within moments head his second goal. Westminster got one back when Stagg's awkward inswinging corner

BASKETBALL

Giant boost for

Manchester

Manchester Giants go into their

home televised Kellogg's National Cup semi-final first leg against Kingcraft Kingston tomorrow boosted by one of the biggest club sponsorship. Yesterday, the Northern jewellers, Cottrill of Bramhall, announced that they would support

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them with £40,000 until the end of

whenever they broke away. From just such a break, Adomakoh crossed for the unmarked Baker to A few minutes from time Westminster had a goal disallowed,

SNOOKER

Second seed beaten

Tony Knowles crashed to surprising defeat in the £200,000

Mercantile Credit Classic snooker tournament at Warrington yesterday. Knowles, seeded second, was beaten 5-1 by Joe Johnson of Bradford in the first round and then said: "I don't like playing early in the morning. It didn't help me. I couldn't get going."

John Spencer, seeded thirteenth, was beaten 5-2 by Warren King, of Australian while Steve Longworth, only a professional for six months, beat David Taylor 5-4.

Seeding 1-1 statement of the stateme

BOXING

Banjo sees Frazier taking it on the chin

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent Jimmy Quill, Banjo's manager, still believes, however, that his man will knock out the American. "I don't thing Frazier did his homework when he decided to take

It depends on the right hand of Funso Banjo whether the Nigerian chief's son from West Ham or Marvis Frazier, the son of the former king of the world, prevaits at the Alexandra Pavilion tonight.

For if you ask Frazier what happened when he met Larry Holmes in a world title bout a year ago and was knocked out in the first mund Marvis strikes hack. I got Banjo on", Quill said. "Frazier, being world ranked, has everything to lose. We have everything to gain. Frazier's aggressive style will suit us as it will make Banjo work, and then anything can happen". Banjo's 6ft 5in and 15st and a half

ago and was noticed but in the first round, Marvis strikes back: "I got hit with the right hand, that's what happened". The works are spoken with the irritation of someone who has had to go to the gym and do the equivalent of 100 lines of "I must not get hit with a right",

pions went distinctly limp in the second half and might easily have That is why Banjo, using his four-inch height and one stone weight advantage, aims to plant his right fist firmly on Frazier's chin. Banjo has studied Frazier on film and worked with Bash Ali, Nigeria's world No 3 cruiserweight, who used to be Marvis Frazier's sparring given the game away after the visitors got a reviviying goal.

Even if he connects, it does not follow that Frazier will go down. For there is a big difference between the right of Holmes, which is the fastest in the world, and the right of Banjo, which is the slowest in the universe, doing four circuits of the hall before being launched.

Magri to defend in London

Gynn at the far post.

But in the eighth minute
Liverpool substituted that early
optimism. Molby was the fuse,
turning skilfully away from his
marker to feed Nichol whose long
ball out to the right Johnston took
neatly in his stride. Wark did the
rest from his pass.

A typical I liverpool thrust is was A typical Liverpool thrust, is was simple swift and sure, though Coventry nearly emulated it when Charlie Magri will make bis Barnes sprinted down the right and then accurately picked out Regis on at home – thanks to an enormous purse offer by the London promoter, Frank Warren. foul Regis who recovered his balance and shot into the side netting. But it was really a brief hiccup in Liverpool's domination of

promoter, Frank Warren.

Magri, who usually works for Warren's rival promoter, Mike Barrett, will be moving over to the opposition because of Warren's successful bid. When the offers were opened at EBU headquarters in Rome last night, Warren's effort of 122,000 Swiss francs – just over £40,000 – was the best.

Warren, who saw Montero beat

E.00.000 - was the best.
Warren, who saw Montero beat
his own flyweight, Keith Wallace, in
eight rounds in a European
Championship fight last December,
said: "I am glad I am able to keep
this fight at home because I think it
will be a great one." Magn's share of the purse will be 60 per cent, a little more than £24,000. The contest will probably so on at the Alexandra Palace in

ondon early in the New Year. Despite protests from the British Boxing Board of Control, Farid Gallouze of France has been confirmed as the next challenger for Barry McGulgan's European feath-

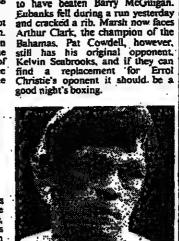
weight title.
The board objected because they

I no poard objected because they do not think Gallouze is good enough to fight McGulgan, but the European Boxing Union have insisted that the match goes on and it is open to purse offers until December 20. Gallouze is currently serving a 28-day medical suspension after being stopped in four rounds in a contest in Thailand last month. Meanwhile, McGuigan defends his British title against Clyde Ruan in Belfast on December 19 a contest in the Emparature of the Parameter of the Param

at stake. Gerrie Coetzee has decided to officially appeal against his defeat Sun City on Saturday, because the knock-out came 48 seconds after the

eighth round should have ended. eighth round should have ended. Coetzee was making the first defense of the World Boxing Association heavyweight title he took from Michael Dokes last year.

■ Three current WBC champions. one former champion and three top contenders will appear on a charity show on January 1 in El Toro, Mexico's oldest bull ring, to help raise money for the victims of last week's devasting gas explosion.



Sibson: convinced.

Sibson to give up one title

By Srikomar Sen

Tony Sibson, the British, European and Commonwealth champion, has decided to give ap his British title. The reason for this is to avoid confrontation with Herol Graham, Britain's only unbeaten top middle-weight, as early as March with all three titles be won last week at

Sitson's manager, Sam Burus, on being given the date and terms of the bout by the British Boxing Board of Control, decided it would be wiser to give up the title. By giving ap the British title Sibson will avoid being tied down to a March deadline for the defence of that title which will be et by the board at their next

It took Burns one hour to convince Sibson that the time was not right.
Sibson is very upset. Burns said,
because he really wanted to fight
Graham and win the Lonsdale Belt. outright to give to his mother. I finally convinced him that this is a business, and he will do better to defend the European and Common-Burns was angry that there had

Burns was angry that there had been a suggestion from Graham's side that Sibson was "running geared". Everyone knows that Sibson is seared of no one. His record proves it. If it was necessary he would fight Graham in the street tosnorrow, but that is not the way it is done. But he is annere that tomorrow, but that is not the way it is done. But he is angry that Graham is riding on his back for cheap publicity.", Burns said.

The way now seems clear for Sibson to go ahead with that £400,000 NBC televised bout with Buster Drayton, of United States,

BLOODSTOCK SALES DIETE following Leading role

played by Sharif's Aunty

By Simon O'Loughlin Omar Sharif, the film actor, was making headlines in a new role at the Newmarket December sales yesterday when selling his good four-year-old Riverman filly. Aunty, for 640,000 guineas, the secondhighest price ever received at a European sale for a horse out of

Banjo's oft 5m and 15st and a half do not worry the Fraziers. Joe, who is father, trainer, manager and everything to Marvis, said: "From 175ib you must be able to fight heavyweights. Mathis weighed 298ib when I fought him. Yes, Banjo wil try to tag Marvis with the right and take him out. But the kid's aware of the right and will set under The filly, placed in four group three races at Saint-Cloud, and a half-sister to the 1984 Ebor winner. Crazy, was bought by Sheikh Nasser, a member of th Kuwanu royal family. The Sheikh is a close friend of Mohammed Mutawa and aware of the right and will get under it and come up top".

Terry Marsh, the British light-welterweight champion, will not be boxing Peter Eubanks, the only man to have beaten Barry McGuigan. boards about a dozen mares at Mutawa's Sussex stud near Hor-

He was represented in yesterday's bidding by Patrick Churchward, manager of the stud, but Chur-chward had a tough battle to shake off Keith Freemen, who was acting for the Aga Khan.

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Churchward was delighted to buy "the best-looking filly in the whole sale" but has yet to decide on a prospective mate for 1985. Aunty now joins the blue-blooded band of mares at Sussex stud.

Sheikh Nasser owns Lad Graustark, dam of Bel Bolide, while Mutawa recently bought Habibise and also has Gift Wrapped, the dang of Reach, Reach's balf-sister was one of four yearings sold by Susses, stud at the Highflyer sales for a total of i. I million guineas.

Sheikh Nasser and Mutawa also jointly own Northern Valley, who was a 420,000 guineas purchase in 1981 - then a European record for a horse out of training.

The record is currently held by Tenes, who cost 1,020,000 guineas in 1982, but in this strong market the record looks likely to fall tonight when Desirable makes her much vaunted appearance in the ring.

On of yesterday's most desirable offerings was Marie Antoinette, a winning four-year-old daughter of Habitat in foal to Hello Gorgeous. So keen were the British Bloodstock Agency (Ireland) on this half-sister to Weaver's Hall that the bidding became a duel between their two agents Tom Cooper and Adrian Nicoll The former, unable to see his colleague, had the last nod at 320,000 guineas.

Cooper was unable to reveal he name of his client, an American breeder, but said the mare was likely to be mated with Shareef Dance before going to the United States.

Marie Antoinette came over from Tommy Stack's Longfield stud and Stack made a determined effort to buy. Heartwood, a four-year-old mare in foal to Jalmood from Longstones stud. But he was outbid at 215,000 guineas by Olivier Nicol, who owns the Haras de Clarbec in Niconardy. Nicol, who bred the Champton Stokes winner, Flossy, plans to mate Heartwood with Seattle Slew and

then bring her back to his French stud. Heartwood is not only by Hittite Glory, but also comes from Hittite Glory's female line.

It is hard to keep Golden Fleece out of the news these days, Derisley Wood study Play A Song, one of only twelve mares in fixal to the 1982 Derby winner and the only one in the catalogue, made 220,000

David Minton, of the Curragh Magnier, managing directr of the Coolmore Stud, to buy this winning granddaughter of Rose Dubarry for

King's Lake is the other sire of the moment and Poppiduk, in foal to the Irish 2.000 Guineas winner, made 180.000 guineas. This halfsisters to Cherry Hinton was bought by David Murray-Smith for the Wood Haven stud at Newbury.

By Mitchell Platts

Powell fails to avoid record ban

shire champion, has been fined £1,000 and banned from member-ship of the professional Golfers

ship of the professional Golfers
Association for a record five years
following allegations of cheating.
Powell's appeal against the
sentence, which was first announced
in September following an Incident
that arose during a PGA Southern
Region event on May 13, was
yesterday turned down by the
PGA's Board of Management.
The committee, chaired by
Ronnie Alexander, and on which

Ronnie Alexander, and on which Neil Coles, Bernard Gallacher, Peter Townsend, Charles Hughes and Doug Smith presided, heard that the allegation, was made after Powell

recorded one stroke less than he

actually took at four of the first nine

Monday night for this week's million dollar challenge event. The field includes Severiano Ballesteros.

IN BRIEF

Cup events called off

The women's stalom and super ignoring strong pressure not to go to giant stalom World Cup ski races, South Africa, flew into Sun City on which were due to be held in Ein, Monday night for this week's Switzerland, on Saturday and million dollar challenge event. The Sunday, have been cancelled due to field includes Severiano Ballesteros.



Powell: cheating incident

Bonn (Retter) - West German learn manager, yesterday dropped Felix Magath, the Hambury midfield player, from his squad for the World Cup European group two qualifying game against Malta on December 16. Magath, aged 31, has been troubled by a thigh injury but expects to be fit for Hamburg's UEFA Cup third-round, second-leg game with Internazionale on

Beckenbauer, who has always maintained that he is building his new-took team around Magath despite the player's indifferent international performances, said that the uncertainty over fitness forced him to rule out his midfield echemer.

scherrer.
SOUAD: Godkespers: H Schumacher, U Stein.
Defender: A Brehme, H-P Bridgel, K H
Foerster, M Frontzeck, M Herget, D Jakoba, K
Woehrlin, Meffield players: R Bormer, P
Falkernesyer, T Kroth, L Metthasus, U Rahm, W
Roff, O Thon, Forwards: K Allofs, F ME, K
Rummangga, R Voeller. SOFIA: Bulgaria have injected new blood into their attack for today's World Cup qualifying match

lack of snow, an official said Nick Faldo, Gary Player, Ben vesterday. against Luxembourg in an effort to secure a healthy win over a side who have conceded nine goals in two The women's downhill race Norman.

which was to have been held in Val MOTOR RACING: Negotiations group four matches.

The Bulgarian coach, Vassil Metodiev, is expected to bring in the league's top scorer, Plamen Getov, BULGARIA (probable): Minatov: Nikolov, Dimitrov, Asrabov, Markov, Siratov, Getov, ZDraview, Gochev, Spessov, Pishav. LIXEMBOURG (from): Barboni, Bossi, Dresch, Grass, Hallers, Hosched, Jambert, Maljet, Meunar, Novak, Taty, Reher, Scheuer, Schonkert, Van Rüswijck, Wes.

which was to have been need in var of lock kactives: regonations of lister today, has been moved to are in their final stages for grand Puy Saint-Vincent tomorrow, while prix races to be held in New York three men's events have been and Dallas next year. The final 1985 calendar should be announced after shortage. the FISA executive committee GOLF: Isao Aoki, of Japan, meeting on December 19. FOR THE RECORD

TENNIS

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (RHL):
Cuebec Nordiques 3, Boston Bruins 3;
Montreal Canadiens 9, Hardord Whalers 3;
Philadelphia Fiyers 8, New York Rangers 2;
New York Islanders 5, Vancouver Caracics 4.

SQUASH RACKETS

SINGAPORE: Asian Cuts: Group A: Saudi Arabia 1, Syria D. Group B: United Arab Arabia 1, Syria 0. Grosp 8: United Arab Emissies 2, India 0.
CZECHORLOVAK LEAGUE: Lotumouth Konice 0. Spartak Transe 0; Tachan Pracov 2. Spartak Transe 0; Tachan Pracov 2. Spartak Transe 0; Tachan Pracov 2. Spartak 1. Sulvis Prague 2; Dolda Barrolat Byazika 1; Slovan Bratistiava 0; India Bratistiava 1. Signa Olemonuc 0; Zilina 1, RH Cheb 2; Bonemians Prague 2; Barille Ostrova 1. Laeding positions jafter 14 matches 1, Laeding Pracilia 1, Robertians Prague 2003; 2, Stavia Prague, 2003; 8 Berlik Ostrava 20.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

ITED STATES: National League (NFL): San go Chargers 20, Chicago Bears 7 BASKETBALL

holes in the event. He signed for a

76.

Colin Snape, the executive director of the PGA, explained.

This is the longest ban I can remember. There is cheating and there is cheating. The committee felt that this was a particularly bad example which is why the punishment is so severe."

Powell made a personal plea for lentency on the grounds that at the time of the event he was upset through being concerned about his death of his mother.

Powell, who turned professional in 1975, had little success on the European tour, returning to the "school" on several occasions

RUGBY LEAGUE

Favourites get the luck in televised draw

By Keith Macklin The luck went the way of the favourites in the draw for the John Player Special Trophy quarter-finals yesterday. It favoured Hull Kingston Rovers, Hull St Helens and the holders Leeds so much that the semi-finals might just as well have been seeded.

Leeds are at home to the second division side Bramley and it would be a major upset if Bramley were to win at Headingley. Hull have a comfortable task, too, at Dewsbury where the second division team, although having an excellent season, are hardly likely to mount a challenge sufficient to beat the powerful Humberside outfit.

Hull Kingston Rovers could have wished for easier opponents than Widnes, who always lift their game in cup ties, but they have home advantage at Craven Park. Finally, if St Heiens overcome the difficult replay with Bradford Northern tonight, they are at home to Halifax

DRAW: Leads v Bramley: Bradford Northern or St Helena v Halfest Develoury v Huit Hud Kingston Rovers v Widnea. Ties to be played on weekend of December 22-23. There is to be a £1,000 prize for the Rugby League supporter of the year, who will receive the award next March. The travel agents for

next March. Ine naver agents for the league. Traveleads, yesterday launched their campaign, with the support of the league, and invited nominations for the most dedicated supporter. Nominations can come

"The principle is sound enough," Barrington said in Birmingham. "The British: Cosed first prize has hardly changed since I won it in 1980. "But 10 issue a set of demands, with 12 room for negotiation, a few of the sound press and force it is about to resust apparer." "A bad press are force the country of the national championships would to resust apparer." "A bad press and force it is a bad press are more closely involved in deciding tournament structures." The SRA said vesterday the rebels had been sent full details of this calculate several members of Israel's national team, which defeated lemmands week, are the top seeds for the annual world Invitation Club Championships, sponsored by Philips at Crystal Palace from December 27 to January I.

SQUASH RACKETS

Boycott threat 'crackers'

By Colin McQuillan

The threat by top British squash has already made Interesty, a new

men to boyott next weekend's sponsor, wary about continued national championships in hopes of forcing up the £13,000 prize fund, was yesterday described by former world champion. Jonah Barrington, as destructively timed and "slightly vears, but use the connections made to the process."

in this always forlorn dispute to create a future framework in which

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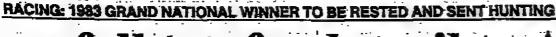
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Corbiere follows fresh trail to Aintree

National winner, is to be given a rest and sent hunting before attempting to repeat his Aintree victory in the spring. "I think he has temporarily got a bit fed up after humping 12st round and he'll love it."

Aintree into third place behind The trainer then a Halio Dandy last season", Jenny Pitman, his trainer said.

You saw it at Sandown on Saturday when he was unplaced behind Little Polvein", Mrs Pitman cominued. "When the leader started to stretch out and fly the railway fences the last time round, he found it all too much for him. It used to happen to Red Rum a bit but he still managed to win three Nationals. This means that Corbière will have to miss the Welsh National, which I won in the past two seasons."

Mrs Pitman plans to send the nine-year-old out with the Vine and Craven, who hunt in the Lambourn area. "Paul Price, who used to work for me but is now back in his father's building business, will ride him.

Burrough Hill Lad, Waywood wanted to make sure he stays we'd all have had 25-1 as none

National Hunt racing's two blue riband

events at Cheltenham next March shows

just how strong a hold women trainers

In the Gold Cup, Burrough Hill Lad, trained by Jenny Pitman, is as low as 6-4

to retain his crown and Wayward Lad (Monica Dickinson), a 5-1 chance, looks the only opponent who can be mentioned

in the same breadth. The bookmakers'

offers of 20-1 bar the two reflect their

his own and he is only 5-4 to regain the rate he won in 1983. Ra Nova (Nan-

Keenedy) and Browne's Gazette (Mrs

Lackinson), currently joint second favour-

stes at 12-1, head the queue of those

The 10-year table shows that last season

women trained 221 winners, 60 per cent.

more than in the first season of the table.

Of far greater significance, though, is the win prize money column which shows an increase each season on the previous season, culminating in 1983-84 with a figure of £454.681 – almost seven times the 1974-75 total.

While comparisons involving prize

money are obviously affected by inflation, they nonetheless highlight the success

women trainers have had in the more valuable races since the turn of the decade.
Of the 15 principal National Hunt races
listed in the Directory of the Turf, only one

was won by a woman in the Seventies;

already this decade seven of the 15 fallen.

the 1981 Welsh Grand National and this

Peaty Sandy started the ball rolling in

HEXHAM

21/p-3! PRESS GANG (C.D.) (A Duncan) J.S. Wilson 9-11-7 Third 94/101 TRO/LENA (CD.) (A Conn) R Fisher 8-11-7 (8-0) J.D. Doys 4 6-01481 THELLAAS SECRET (CD.) (S. Brown) T. Burnes 7-10-11 M. Bennes 19/1034 ANOTHER FLAME (B) (W. Thompson) V. Thompson 7-10-0. Jet M. Thompson 7-00-304 SOMERLED (Exorn R. McDonald 9. McDonald 5-10-0 K. Jones

12.45 PRIESTPOPPLE HANDICAP CHASE (£937: 2m) (5 runners)

5-4 Trollens, 11-4 Thelmas Secret, 5 Press Gang, 7 Somerled, 9 Another Fisme.

PORM: PRESS GANG well behind when led at last in Ayr race won by Run 'N Fly (3m); previously (11-0) 1614 3rd to Arctic Mensiols (17-2) here (2m 41 ch, 21,230, acht, Nov 5), TROILERA (10-0) made at to beat Verted City (12-0) 3 at Sedgefield (2m ch, 21,592, good to soft, Nov 30; THELMA'S SECRET (11-0) led till headed and foll at 8th in race won by Mossy Moore (11-10) at Ayr (2m 41 ch, 22,394, soft, Nov 24), ANOTHER FLAME (10-13) 451 4th of 8 to Postdyne (10-8) at Southwell (2m ch, 21,245, heavy, Nov 25).

Hexham selections

1.15 BATTLE HILL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP

1983: No corre

1.45 HENCOTES HANDICAP CHASE (21,690: 3m) (11)

5-4 Artsum, 7-2 Northern Knight, 5 Sentago, 8 Gradwood, 10 Mosquito River, 14 others.

FORM: SANTAGO (10-0) 6'C 5th to Fundy (10-2) in non-selling nanoting at Southers Dis 4t, C1.138, heavy, Nov 29, MoRTHSEN NORTHY (10-10) 27 ath of 31 to Cumino Cyclin (11-5) best tristen Commit (11-3) the Westernspect Selling Handlery Cress Sen 4t, 6889, good to first, Oct 31, 3 ran) Care. Heavy (10-0) 20 fish or 12 to Make: Brig (10-3) at Catantot (2nd Selling Handlery) (10-3), at Catantot (2nd Selling Handlery) (10-3), at Catantot (2nd Selling Handlery) (10-3), at Catantot (2nd Selling Handlery) (10-3).

1982: Judians Here 9-10-10 C Pinioti (4-7 fav) G Renison 5 ran.

13-8 Arctic Menelek, 7-2 Preben Rur, 9-2 Mr Shugg, 6 Strewhill, 8 Vicewumpswud, 10 Hazy Glen, 12 Solo Sem, 14 options

Fortie: SOLO SASE (19-0) 77 Srd of 19 to Harry Lad (13-6) at Newcastis (Src CH, 24,799, good to soft, Nat 17). LITTLE FRENCHMAN (10-10) of Reiso winner from Landbury (Sm CH, 2:1067, good, Dec 16, 1963, 14 mm). ANCTIC MEMBLEK (10-11) 7/1 Notifigham winner from Brunco Park (11-11) last time; previously (11-2) best Strandriff (10-11) 1 7/1 (-textum), 2m 4f ch, 21, 230, soft, Nov 8, 8

1.0 (Sm ch) 1. GOLDEN KNOLL (M Perrett, 5-2 km); 2. Uphase Helly (R Earnston, 4-1); 3. Cody For Love (P Scattemore, 11-2; ALSO RAM; 16-2 Fort Hell (put, los Hell 10 Brown Lustra, 12 Sr Gordon (sr), 20 Brit (2nd, Lustra, 12 Sr), 33 Commander Christy, Denidou (f), tealem Attait, Jost (Shi), Lustry Can (f), Whitington, Panda Men (sr), 19 rst. Mit Stehn, Nr. 8, 20, 3, 32 S. Maior et Lastbourn, TOTE 25.250, 22-10, 21.50, 23-30, DP 27.20. CSF: 214.27,
1.10 (Sm ch) 1, Saprity's MAM (S de Haan, 11-4 fav); 2, Hab Law (M Kname, 33-17, 3, Haggien Denn (S, Dimeson, 7-1), ALSO RAM; 3 Vrgin Soider, 7-2 Stauston (4th), 20 Moor

1990-90 SAHTACO (R Turner) F Watson 10-12-0 JO Gorman Posses SAHTACO (R Turner) F Watson 10-12-0 JO Gorman ROMTNESH KNIGHT (M Cheetham) Ron Thompson 7-11-12 Jayne Thompson 002-331 ARTSUM (D) (S Gorico) R Jeffrey 9-11-8 JOHN COURTSUM PO (S GORICO) R Jeffrey 9-11-8 JOHN COURTSUM PO (S GORICO) R Jeffrey 9-11-8 JOHN COURTSUM PO (S GORICO) R Jeffrey 9-11-8 JOHN ASSON OF A PARTICIPATION OF A PART

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to women trainers.

GOING: Heavy

HURDLE (£454; 3m) (8)

Leicester results

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Hardstoft Amber (M Breaten, 20-1), ALSO
RAN: 11-4 far Carity Do Lago (Sth), 3 The
Sosaman, 8 Sombard (Sth), 12 Shitar's Pai
(sth), Ab Dabh, 18 Northern Prospect, 20 Fell
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ES1, 30, No bid.

domination of the steeplechasing scene. On the hurdling front, Gaye Brief (Merry Rimell) is very much in a class of

now have on the sport's premier prizes.

give a hand at the weekends. I it."
hope the hounds will be wearing T

The trainer then confirmed that Burrough Hill Lad re-mained on course for his meeting with Wayward Lad in the Charlie Hall Memorial Pattern Chase at Wetherby on Saturday, for which there were four-stage declarations.

"I don't care if we have to take on Wayward Lad before Kempton. Wetherby's a good, galloping track, which will suit us well. And the race is worth £10,000 more than the Tommy

fasiness at Harewood; Monica

By Michael Seely He's one of my team of Lad will run h's been our long- three miles. We now have to Corbière, the 1983 Grand Saturday beliers who come to term plan and we're sticking to find another race for him on

The trainer then said that little suits of armour plating, as
Corbière can be a bit frisky winner of the Fighting Fifth
He's never been hunting before,
Hurdle at Newcastle, will travel to Cheltenham to take on Gaye Brief in the £15,000 Bula Hurdle the same afternoon.

Only six have accepted for the Champion Hurdle trial, but 13 were declared for the Kennedy Construction Gold Cup. Fred Winter will be five acceptors at yesterday's attempting to win this two and a half mile thriller for the third consecutive year with Carved Opel. The Tsarevich, Classified, Acarine and Beau Ranger are likely opponents for last week's easy Huntingdon winner.

Mrs Pitman was at Leicester Whittle Chase at Haydock the following week."

Speaking from her Yorkshire Christian Chase in the hands of Ben de Haan, "Smith's Man

The National Hunt ladies no longer in waiting

The pace setters: four trainers whose horses could dominate the important National Hunt events this season (left to right) -

Monica Dickinson, Nan Kennedy, Mercy Rimell and Jenny Pitman

Queens high in the sport of kings

triumph was quickly followed by Shiny Copper (1982 Triumph Hurdle), Corbiere

(1982 Welsh National), Gaye Brief (1983

Champion Hurdle), Corbiere (1983 Grand

National), Burrough Hill Lad (1983 Welsh National). Ra Nova (1984 Schweppes Gold Trophy) and Burrough Hill Lad (1984 Cheltenham Gold Cup and

The vital statistics

All may be set fair for the women now but, as Jenny Pitman will tell you, it has

been far from plain sailing. "At the start the blokes looked upon us as something of an irritation," Mrs Pitman says, "but we've proved we're every bit as good as them. Horses are like kids. They need a lot

of love and we're more understanding and

Mercy Rimell, who took over her Kinnersley stable on the death of her busband, Fred, in 1981, has a different

viewpoint and is at pains to emphasize the

part Dame Fortune has played in her

By Mandarin
12.45 Troilena. 1.15 Artsum. 1.45 PREBEN FUE (nap). 2.15 Saucepot.
2.45 Roman Dusk. 3.15 Colonel Rose.
(12)
1.45 ARCTIC MENELEK (nap). 2.45 Blennerhasset. 3.15 Mark Edelson.

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"Jenny and I are lucky to have two such

sympathetic than the men."

NO. OF RACES . WIN PRIZE WON BY WOMEN MONEY (In 21)

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Hennessy Gold Cup).

another right-hand track."

The Lambourn trainer was then in with a good chance of saddling her second winner of the afternoon when Kevin Evans fell at the third flight from home in the Ladbroke Conditional Jockeys Handicap Hurdle, After a long battle on the run-in, Michael Rimmer forced Winsor Bond past the post two lengths in front of Captain Fantastic, much to the disappointment of the runnerup's trainer, Albert Davison,
"We had a good touch on
Thunder Rock in the Seller, but it's having the double up that really brings in the money."

The Caterham trainer has long been renowned for his skill at planning gambles, but he was disappointed at Thunder Rock's starting price of 8-1 after 25-1 had been laid to early comers.

Although women trainers may not have been readily accepted at the outset, their

National Hant committee of the Trainers' Federation, said. "For years there have

Only now are they getting their names on

Indeed, Florence Nagle, the first woman to be granted a licence, in 1966, previously trained under the name of a male employee for 27 years before finally breaking down the Portman Square bastions. Among other eminent women to

use this ploy was Norsh Wilmot who, at

Mrs Nagle's 20-year campaign and prolonged legal battle with the Jockey

Club created an opportunity which the current crop of women National Hunt

trainers have clearly grasped with both hands. It remains to be seen whether they

can now take the Flat racing world by

one time, trained for the Queen.

the licences."

tani, MR SHUGG (10-0) 8 2nd with HAZY GLEN (10-0) 2 sway 4th and WEENTURPAWED (10-7) further 4t back in 5th behard Run in Fry (10-2) at Ayr 2m 118yd ct., 22544, soft, Nov 24, 11 mm). PRESENT PUR (10-0) at 2nd with UNISCRIPPULOUS JUDGE (10-0) 7th of 18 to Harrly Lad (11-2) at Newcoodie (3m of, 22,560, heavy, Nov 17).

FORM: SAUCEPOT (10-12) best Avening (10-12) 231 at Southwell with MODEN GAZER (18-10) 811
Rether back in 4th gen ch. 538, heavy, Nov 25, 7 and, DUSTY ISLES (11-3) asst of 7 Septient with
POLOIG (11-3) and MARMALITE (11-3) pulled up in Ayr race won by The Small Miracle (2n, cb, 51, 149, soft, Nov 25, 10 and).
SELECTION SAUCEPOT.

1962: Stave King 4-10-12 Mr A Dugson (5-2 lav) C H Bell 14 ma.

FORM: ROMAN DUSK (11-5) 5th to Green Gorse (10-12) at Wetherby, preducely (11-5) busing Garnero (11-6) 7there for hide, 2573, soft, Nov 5, 12 and, SWAFFHAM (12-6) 11th to Mailtagen (12-6) had year (11-5) 5th 5th to Respite (11-5) at Ayr (2m Ada, 2735, good to soft, Nov 12, 10 and 12, 10 and 12, 10 and 13 and 14 and 15 and 16 and

11000-0 COLONEZ ROSE (D) (T Golde) T Solde 7-11-7 Let JM Dun?
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42090- CRAMMOND BRIG (CD) (W Jeckson) M W Easterby 7-10-12 P Tuck
63314-0 TARCHON (D) (S) (J Lees) S Leachetter 7-10-11 M Barman
604-245 HOLLY BUOY (D) (R Wood) Mrs & Revelley 4-10-2 Mr & Hellar 7

1983: Rage Gien 6-11-(3 P.A. Chertian (4-1) M Lumbert 12 rep.

9.4 Mark Edelson, 3 Colonel Rose, 4 Blue Yazquin, 6 Cremmond Brig, 6 Holly Buoy, 10

FORM: COLONES, ROSE (11-5) 50 5th to Three Shiners (10-12) with BLIE TAROLIN (11-5) by 21 at Ayr (2m hole, £1,467, soft, Jan 3, 6 ran). BLIE TAROLIN (11-6) best Mehages (10-5) by 21 at Sadgefield (2m hole, £24, good, Ayr 3, 16 ran, BIARK EDELSON (12-0) if runner-up to iday Milet (10-6) with TAROHIN (11-7) 14 mater 6th; sentiar (11-5) best HOLLY BLOY (10-6) by 3 at Heathan (2m hole, £381, good to soft, Nov 2, 6 ran). HOLLY BLOY (10-0) 114 ard to Jobreta (11-6) by 3 at Nation (2m hole, £323, good to soft, Nov 24, 12 ran). TAROHIN (11-1) best Deep Love (10-0) by 3 at Nation (2m hole, £315, good, Mar 21, 15 ran).

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9-619 ROMAN DUEK (C) (W Lockey) J Charlton 4-11-12
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3.15 LADBROKE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,283: 2m) (5)

Close, 25 Rodney Parada: 9 Ren. St. Rt. St. VI. Mrs. J. Pitman: at. Lambourn. TOTE: £4.10; £1.70, £2.90, £2.80. DP: £14.70. CSP. £55.28.

2.0 (2nd ch) 1. GOLDEN FREND R. Lintey, 4-6 favi; 2. Suez (R. Direvocot), 6-1; 3, Austier Pei (P. Scudernore, 9-1), ALSO-RAL: 5-2 Jack Chartern, 50 Externol (cu), 5 ran, 20, hd. 15, Mrs M. Retend at Karnersley, TOTE: \$1.80; \$1.10, \$2.50. DP: \$3.90. CSP: \$5.17.

ES. 17.

2.50 (2m indict) 1, SCOTSMANN ICE (AF Dayler, 4.7 lay); 2, Specials Boild J McCaughin, 9-2; 3, Busine Boild (R Lindy, 10-1); ALSO PAN: 10 Gaybals (50); 20 My Name Is Nicody (411, 25 Hgd) Stass, Shravogale (ref to rece); 32 English Honey (pul), Strategiety Lase, (8-1). Changate,

1-2 Saucepot, 4 Shiney Son, 6 Moon Gezer, 6 Dusty leies, 14 others.

2.15 GILESGATE NOVICE CHASE (£988: 2m) (7)

back to the course." However, Trevor Howard, a

car dealer from Windsor, seemed well satisfied with the coup that had been executed on his wife Caroline's horse, "I'm trying to get syndicates together have horses with Albert, Jimmy Fitzgerald continued

his successful run at Leicester when Scotsman Ice easily landed the odds of 7-4 laid on the four-year-old in the Pickwell Novices' Hurdle, "This has never been lucky track for me before, but in the past four weeks I've had three winners from only four runners", This afternoon at Hexham

Arctic Menelek is napped to win the Hencotes Handicap Chase for the Malton trainer. The nine-year-old is penalized 4lbs for his recent Nottingham victory over Brunton Park, and appears to be none too well handicapped with Mr Shugg and Preben Fur. But the horse is very well and I still think we might win", Fitzgerald conclud-

Richards set for a double

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Gordon Richards looks the trainer to follow at Hexham today, when there will be only one meeting now that Worcester has been abandoned because of the water-logged state of the course. With Preben Fur declared for the Hencotes Handiap Chase and Saucepot also standing his ground for the Gilesgue Novices' Chase, the successful Greystoke trainer appears to have excellent prospects of landing a double.

After an extremely encouraging

After an extremely encouraging run behind Hardy Lad on his seasonal debut at Newcastle, Prebea Fur is napped to win the day's most valuable prize. His form received a considerable boost at Newcastle last, Sanntay, when Hardy I ad to need to Saturday, when Hardy Lad so nearly beat a rejuvenated Peaty Sandy at the end of a memorable race for the

and Gaye Brief. If I have an advantage over others it is that I have no outside interests and give the horses my undivided attention", she says.

Mrs Dickinson assumed the Harewood mantle earlier this year when her son, Michael, was lured away by the fresh challenge of training on the Flat. She was also keen to play down the new-found success of the women. "There's no reason we shouldn't do well", she said. "There are weight has been increased to 11st. challeage of training on the Flat. She was also keen to play down the new-found success of the women. "There's no reason we shouldn't do well", she said. "There are far more women training than there used to be. Our methods are no different from the different from a still to Preber Pur, who could be at attractive odds.

Sancepol, who won a novices chase by as much as 25 lenghts at success has come as no surprise in their chase by as much as 20 singuis at male counterparts. It was bound to follow that triumph with another in happen," Tony Balding, chairman of the Federation, said. "For years there have been plenty of capable women involved in training, but they were fronted by men, Only now are they getting their names on

The Liquidator shows promise

The Liquidator, carrying the colours made famous by Com-edy Of Errors, made an eyecatching first appearance over timber when winning the Grey Bomber Novices' Hurdle at Hereford yesterday.
The four-year-old, who chan-

ged hands for 9,500 guineas at the Newmarket autumn sales. made much of the running under Paul Leach before beating Phil McLennan Al Trui by eight lengths.

Hereford results

Goleg Soft 12.46 (2m hole) 1, SAX (W Worthington, 13-8; 12.46 (2m hole) 1, SAX (W Worthington, 13-8; 3, White Hills (G Charles-Jones, 5-1), ALSO PAN: 2 Private Mover (PU), 13-2 Heather Priose (4th, 35 Across A Cel. 6 ns. 12, 8, 8, not recorded. K Bridgewiter at Solinal. TOTE: 22.70; 51.10, 23.20. DF: 54.10. GSF: 511.89. No bid.

S2.70: C1.10, E3.20. OF: CA.10. CSP: C11.89. No bid.
1.16 (2m 4f bdie) 1, RUEFUL LADY (J) Notar, 16-1; 2, Josephile (6 Powel, 9-2; 3, Maranad (W) Hayes, 11-4. ALSO RAN: 13-5 arv Little Anthem (PU), 10 Cettle Princese (6th), 14 Garmana (p. 20), 50 more Appleine (PU), Saucy Mop, Somervile Star, 33 Cauchemer (6th), 40 George Green, Stockdon Stave (PU), Tropwen Whitbourne, Worth Methawers, 15 ren. NR-Louise Jessica, 16 ren. 2, 101, 3, 10, 12; May D Chiches at Oxford, 1071c 201, 70, 21, 20, 21,

2.15 (2m loss) 1, THE LIQUIDATOR (P Lanch, 8-1): 2, All Trai (S Smith Eccles, 20-1): 3, Mighty Sheel (C Smith, 11-6). ALSO RAN: 10-11 fav Stor Of A Gunner (5th), 9-2 Private Land (4th), 33 Braniscome Towers (ur), Royal Valuer, Ermdon (bu), 50 Belancus (bu), Codger (5th), Gold Warbler, Lespensey Lad (pu), Worden Prince, Young Lotty, La Verite (pu), Regent's Alless, 18th Rodman, 16 ran, 2, 2/ki, 3, 20, 15-1. M Pipe at Wellington, TOTE 2:14.05; FLEE, 22.50, 21.20, DF: 274.20, CSP-2144.05.

E13.40; E134, 22.50, 21.20. OF: E74.20. CSP: E140.83.

2.45 (2n 4) ch) 1, REFES T FREETY (S Smith Eccles, 5-2; 2, Goldes Homest (J Frost. 9-1; 2, Ringsching (P Marphy, 20-1), ALSO RAM; 13-5 iss Beigrove Lad (bd), 4 Remember Rock (pd), 6 Rying Micross (pr., 25 Gambling, Abbot (f), 33 Coon The Cobbier (Mt), Streams (f), Tirreau (f), 10 ren. f), 10 root of the third (h, 15 cm), 10 cm, 10 recorded (h, 11-6), 22. DP: 21.30, CSP; 225.15.

2.15 (2n heig) 1, MORNANG LINE (B Powell, 11-6); 2, An-Ge-Lock (M Wilsons, 10-1); 2, Fise Prospect (R Morney, 25-1); 4, Going Broke (S Smith Eccles, 15-8 law), ALSO RAM; 11-2 Rand Lad, 6 Paperson, 16 Dobsons Choca, 20 Grims Sch), Sarente Plastice (Sh), Nudge Nudge, 25 Tallyrand (pd), 33 Hope End, Persoynor, Star Allenos, 30 Eyton Streams, Carlex, Set Hop, 17 ren. 11, 12, 174, 12, 174, 177, 22,00, 21.90, DP ESS.20, CSP; E33.66, 17csst; 2577.20, Placepot 225.25.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: J. Fizzgerald 7 winners from 25 rides, 28,0%; M. W. Essterby 10 from 38, 26,3%; G. Fichands 19 from 77, 24,7%.

JOCKEYS: P. Tuck, 13 winners from 70 rides, 18,5%; G. W. Gray 6 from 34, 17,5%; R. Lemb 19 from 112, 18,15%.

● William Hill the largest sponsors of British racing in 1985. Their total contribution, including stable lade awards, for a 13-race programme will be £253,787. Since thier first sponsorship in 1959, William Hill have contributed more than £2.75m

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Holding operation: Wallabies apply the brakes on Brown, the Glasgow captain

Spirited Glasgow team fall to late surge by Australians

Rugby Correspondent

Glasgow Australians For a time during the second half

at Hughenden yesterday it looked as though the Australians would contrive to lose a match they were contrive to lose a match they were winning by the length of Sauchichall Street. Leading by 16 points at the interval, they were pegged back to 16-12, and only a surge during the last eight minutes brought them victory, by two gools, two tries and two penalty gools to a goal and two penalties.

Glasgow were short of class but, as Richie Dixon, their coach, had as Name Dixon, their coach, had promised, they were by no means short of spirit or tackling ability. Any international side with pretensions to quality, however, should have taken the game by the scruff of the neck; even if they talk the incentive of a possible international place at this state of the town the place, at this stage of the tour the Australian second XV should be capable of playing with authority on heavy going, and the frustration of Alan Jones, their coach, was plain to

The worst affected area was the midfield, where the Australians were handicapped by Cox's laboured service. The Glasgow back row and centres created any amount of indecision from which the ball was dropped nearly as many times as in the previous 14 matches put together. Fortunately they had in Lane a player shrewd enough to take advantage of the many broken fields and, in Williams, a wing fast enough to finish properly, and ability which cluded Hanley on the left.

Campbell dominated the lineout against a Glasgow side disrupted by the loss, midway through each half, of McGuinness, their international prop, with a split eyebrow, and Stuart Hamilton, who departed barely able to see out of one eye. Despite that, Livingston took two strikes against the head, a happy reward for so wholehearted a servant of his district, and Nicolson, the bouncing little Ayr scrum half, was able to check the Australian back row with his little darts and

It was litting that Nicolson should score his side's try after a misjudged fly back by Black had rebounded to McCallum. Any prospect of Glasgow snatching an unexpected win was destroyed by two genuine displays of class by the Wallabies' backs, with the final try retrieving much of their otherwise departed

stances, with two speculative kicks, but lane escaped from his own 22 and found Williams. The wing looked to have created enough room to score his third try but he cut inside and found the two locks. Campbell and Holt, pounding up in support. Holt thundering to the posts for his first try of the tour. Earlier, Glasgow had owed much to the steadiness under the high ball

If started in unpromising circum-

of Evans, their full back. Of EVAINS, their tull back.

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New York football celebrity nearly became a rodeo rider

Big-city behemoth who collects tomahawks has a playful side



He is known as number 99, like the lee cream, but there is nothing sweet or melting about this character. Mark Gastineza, the New York Jets' defensive end, has more in common with a moose than a vanilla cornet.

Even among the freakish mam-moths of American football, Gasti-tean, at 6ft 5in and 20st, stands up and out as special. Size, strength and sheer exhibitionism have made and sheer exhibitionism have made him famous, so it was all the more shocking when he made the front page of the New York tabloids for assenting a 23-year-old male model in the Manhattan nightchib Studio 54, last year. On his twenty-eighth birthday last week he was sentenced to 90 hours of community service at a New York prison, having heen convicted of the assault, which took puvicted of the assault, which tonk place after he allegedly lost an arm-wrestling contest with the model, Scott Baird.

Scott Baird.

"Justice was done", Baird said. "I
bope Mr Gastineau has learned,
whether you lose at arm-wrestling or
anything else, it is important to lose
gracefully and to leave violence on
the football field."

But Gastineau protested his
transcent the state of the leave of the leave

issocence throughnt, claiming, not with logic, that had he really punched his accuser, 4in shorter and 95th lighter, his victim would have sustained injuries worse than a bloody nose. "I tried very hard to get a name that is respectable", Gastinean monaned, "and now it h been somewhat destroyed." In fact, it has been somewhat

inflated. Gastineau is now a fully fledged celebrity, is extrovert nature York, and hatred elsewhere, to a degree uncommon in the National Football League, with prefers its players big, brawny and bland. As proof, the NFL resorted to

unprecedented action at the start of the season to ban the "Gastinean **YACHTING**

French boats in

HEXHAM

Aintree's Forhunters' Chase, the amateurs' Grand National has been switched from Thursday to Friday of the three-day meeting.



Gastineau: showmanship

such dance" - a singular, fist-stab-bing, hip-swivelling tribal war dance that he used to perform to celebrate

that he used to perform to celebrate backing a rival quarterback.

The NFL claimed it brought the game into disrupte. More accurately, it sometimes brought the game to a standstill as opponents, objecting to this peice of showmanship, decided to let him know. Last season, when Gastineau sacked the Los Angeles Rams quarterback, Vince Ferragamo, and launched into his dance routine, a Rams linehis dance routine, a Rams line-backer pushed him and a benchemptying brawl ensued.

Gastineau, however, asserts that

he is eally just a pussycat, a small town boy from Oklahoma, As a product of Wild West Culture, he ost became a professional rodeo rider, a talent he proved in Hawaii
last January when a wild boil
escaped from its cage and was
or dancing, the gentler side of
cavorting down the high street until
Gastinean finds its outlet in Gastineau twirled his lasse and tied it to a palm tree. His father, Ernie, is a former

prizelighter, and his 75-year-old grandfather is still riding the Rodeo circuit. So it was a deviation from family tradition when young Mark went into football.

In fact, it was an accident. The first-string defensive end in a college senior bowl game was hart in a collision with a snowmobile and Gastinean was his replacement. He so impressed onlookers that he became the jets' first-round draft pick at the age of 22, and he now had a four-year, S.3.7 million contract with the club, plus several bankable endorsements.

At last be feels be can afford to be discriminating. In his early days as a professional behemoth and bonea professional behemoth and hone-trusher he was forced to model underwear before the raps public gaze. "They were all whistling at me. I was terribly embarrassed," he said. But now he can enjoy the virtuous glow of refusing Plargir's \$50,000 offer to model maked for their centrefold. "I doubt the magazine is big enough to hold me." he explained. be explained.

This is his playful side. On the football field he has been described

legye, and a practice game incident has now matured to legend, when he ripped the faceguard off a mineman's helm wih his bare hands. His grandpa would be proud, ospecially as, after last week's game against Miami Dolphins, which the jets lost 28-17. Gastineau stands

only three sacks away from breaking the NFL regular season record of 21 Gastineau (his family have

French roots and traces of black blood in their veins to which he attributes his extraordinary speed— 40 yards in 4.5 sees) is a dedicated body-builder and martial arts expert, so intent on giving the world the maximum benefit of his enormous muscles that he shaves the hairs off his chest. When he is not shaving, training

archaeological digs in New Mexico and the collection of Indian

dispute for lead Madrid (Reuter) - Three French

catamarans were bartling for the Columbus route transatlantic race with the favourite, Feury Michon, win the tavourite, Fenry Michon, in front two miles ahead of Royale.
Charente Maritime was lying third with another French catamaran, Formule Tag, fourth,
The leading boats have covered more than 500 miles since Sunday's suart from the Spanish port of Penalmadeus and are accused to

Benalmadean and are expected to reach the Canary Islands today. Thirty two boats are participating in the race across the Atlantic which partly follows the route sailed by Columbus when he discovered America in 1492. The race ends in

Santo Domingo.

Landing poetions (French unless stated): 1.

Fetry Michor: 2. Royale; 3. Charante Mattissus; 4 Formule Tag. 5. Crédit Agricole: 6.

Mediche Strie Frontières; 7. Roper et Gallet; 8.

Facer (Fin): 9. Soinei Socaney (Cent): 10. Philips improved (Neth).

MOTOR RACING

for McLaren The Ferodo Trophy, awarded

The Ferodo Trophy, awarded annually for the outstanding British and Commonwealth achievement in motor sport, was presented in London last night to McLaren International, the Woking-based team which has dominated the past season of Grand Prix racing in a manner never seen before (John Blunsden writes). Blunsden writes).

They scored a record 12 wins from the year's 16 races with their TAG Porsche-powered McLaren MP4/2 cars, five of them by Niki Lauda, who became world champion driver for the third time, and seven by Alain Prost, who was runner-up for the second year in succession. McLaren International broke another record in scoring Systime, be 143½ points in winning the Sydenham to constructors' championship, 86 on the sche constructors' championship. 86 on the scheme and commue to points clear of Ferrari, the runners-enhance the careers of home grown

Ferodo Trophy Systime support racing scheme Systime Computers, sponsors this season of the Tyrrell Grand prix

team and one of the country's business systems, have widened their motor racing involvement by lending support to the Racing For Britain scheme, which for the past four years has endeavoured to raise financial support for some of Britain's most promising younger drivers (Jeremy Shaw writes).

Two Gurant Formula Con-

Two current Formula One drivers, Martin Brundle and Jonathan Palmer, received valuable assistance during their successful Formula Three seasons from Racing For Britain, which has so far been run only on a part-time basis by Steve Sydenham. The backing of Systime, however, will enable Sydenham to concentrate his efforts



amount of the fine was appropriate. Nevertheless, it was a bad case.

Death apart, it was a case where it was open to the judge to conclude, if not inevitable that he would, that the appellant had fallen far below

the standard of the reasonably

It was not a case of momentary mattention. On his own admission

he was not keeping a proper lookout. The traffic lights were

adjusted for a three-second amber phase. He failed to appreciate that

the lights were changing from green to amber or from amber to red. He

failed to see the deceased save at the

that the offence of which the appellant was convicted was normally triable only in the magistrates court. She submitted

magistrates' court. She submitted that the judge imposed a fine far in euross of that suggested for the offence in the guidelines in Suggestions for Traffic Offence Penalties. When he was convicted the maximum penalty for careless or inconsiderate driving was £500 – it had since been increased to £1000.

inconsiderate driving was £500 - it had since been increased to £1,000 - and the "suggestion" was £100.

It had, however, to be borne in mind that the Suggestions stated:

"(1) It cannot be emphasized too strongly that the list is NOT a tariff.

(2) The seriousness of offences varies widely especially in cases of careless driving...(3) These figures represent a broad consensus of view on appropriate penalties for "aver-

on appropriate penalties for 'average' offences committed by first offenders of average mesns. But there may be good reasons for local variations."

The appeal would not have been

allowed on the strength of Miss Foster's second submission. It was a

rester's second stomassion. It was a serious case of careless driving, A substantial fine higher than the recommended "suggestion" for an average offence was justified.

However, in the light of the conclusions on Miss Foster's first submission the first would prometry

submission, the fine would properly be reduced from £350 to £250. To

Miss Foster pointed out secondly

competent motor cyclist.

very last moment.

Referee finds herself caught up in a conflict of interests

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Georgina Clark, who lives in a village east of Banbury, raised five children and then schlered outload and international respect as an umpire and referee. Yesterday, she unwittingly became the centre of one of those storms that occasionally builet the game's administrators and promoters, cause minor damage, but swiftly become forgotten trivia.

Mrs Clark caused the fuss by

accepting a complimentary invi-tation to referee a new tournamen for 24 men born in 1963 or later. The tournament \$\self\$ had already caused a fuss because it will be played at Birmingham, from January 2 to 6: the same week as the established Woeld Champiouship Tennis doubles tournament at the Albert Hail.

The Under-22 event is promotes by Mark McMormack's International Management Group. Like World Championship Tennis, inde-pendent of the official governing bodies. But WCT hav agreed to duck back under the official umbrella next year and are therefore in good next year and are therefore in good standing, as the cliché goes, with the bureaucrats who ran the game. What is more to the point is that IMG and WCT had am equal

righyt to promote a tournament during the week in question, which is free of Grand Prix events, IMG, though, hardly did the decent thing by moving into the same country on the same dates as a tournament that has been based in Britain for six

The Lawn Tennis Association therefore decided that they could not support the Under-22 event. They asked the Warwickshire LTA, the Society of Lawn Tennis Referees and the British Tennis Umpires. Association to give the Birmingham event the elbow. Thus rebuiled, the intruding promoters had to search for competent officials and offer nem tempting fees.

Mrs Clark's appointment is a

breakthrough on a cold front, because she is a member of both

Rain saves Lendl from a thrashing

Curren was poised to pull off one of the biggest upsets of the season when rain brought yesterday's play to a halt at the Australian open The ninth seed was a set up and

about to serve for a 3-1 lead in the second against Ivan Lendi when the players were forced off the centre

Lendl, the winner of the French Open earlier this year and hot favourite here due to the absence of John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors, must have been delighted with the change in the weather because his hopes of reaching the quarter-finals ooked wafer-thin at the time.

The South African had not beaten Lendl in six previous attempts, but he raced through the first set 6-1 in 19 minutes with the help of two his superiority. Curren broke Lendl's opening service of the second set with a running forehand down the line.

She confessed yesterday that the may have been naive in her etation of the advice that came her way from a variety of sources before she accepted the invitation. "It has left me in rather more of a mess than I thought possible", she said. Her conscience is too sensitive, because the mess is not of her making. It arose from the original

referees and ampires' organite

IMG bungle over the dates and from the reaction of administrators who seem to think that an affront to one tournament can be rectified by an affront to another.

affront to another.

IMG, mind you, can be charged with more naivety than Mrs Clark. Yesterday, they issued a stuement implying that the Under-22 event had been welcomed by Mike Davies, executive director of the Association of Tennis Professionals, and that Mrs Clark had been given the "all-clear" by the International Tennis Referation.

Federation.

Davies, in fact, is on record as depoloring the prostotion of a new tournament that clashes with an established event. "British tenuis", he said, "must face the embarrassment of having two competing events during the same week". And Shirley Woodhead, the ITF director of administration, said vesterday that adminstration, said yesterday that although the ITF had no authority to prevent anyone from taking part in an unofficial event, that did not mean the ITF approved. The reasons for the ITF decision not to

reasons for the ITF decision not to support the event were clearly explained to Mrs Clark", she said.

Moving on to umpires, as distinct from the dilemma of a referee, the LTA announced yesterday that their agreement with Robert Jenkins, grading and training officer of the BTUA, had been "terminated". It seems that there has been "a breakdown of relationships", to quote the official statement, between



Curren: heading for victory

a finish before the rain settled in for Men's singles FOURTH ROUND: 8 Backer (WG) bt G Forget (Fr), 7-6, 6-4, 6-3; D Curren (SA) v I Lend (Cd) 6-1, 2-1 (unfanished).

Women's singles
outhers Finals: H Schola (Cx) bt P Strives
(US), 6-2, 6-7, 6-1.

● The Australian open champion-

ships will not be played on grass courts after 1987, the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia confirmed Association of Australia continued vesterday. The open will move in 1987 from its current venue at Kooyong, in suburban Melbourne, to the new £50m complex, which is

Pennington flies the flag

By Lewine Mair

the 1980 British junior hardcourt champion survived a demanding third set to defeat Elna Reinach of mother of an eight-year-old son, still

point en route to getting back from 3-5 to 5-5 but, after drawing kevel, made too many unforced errors to have any chance of winning.

As it was, the industrious Lincolnshire player got back from 1-3 to 4-4, only to ruin everything with two mistake-ridden service have any chance of winning, with the Cathy Drury's match with Marie games.

Lisa Pennington, a quiet soul who Pinterova, the 38-year-old Czechosfeels she has had less than her share of lucky breaks in the tennis world, was the sole British winner on the second day of the LTA's women's smash with either arm, won the first second day of the LTA's women's
\$10,000 event at the Matchpoint
tennis centre, Bramhall.
With a win over Liz Jones, the
sixth seed, already under her belt,
the last of the fiercest pressure
training.

had the edge.

Miss Remach, runner-up to
Annabel Croft in the junior event at
Wimbledon this year, saved a match

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ATHLETICS

New TV rules Mennea retires with swipe assure Pearl at drug abuse

Pietra Mennes, the Italian world record holder and 1980 Olympic champion at 200 metres retired from competition yesterday, and cited the use of drugs by other athletes as one of the reasons for his decision (Pat Butcher writes).

Mennea said: "I'm quitting because I've realized that now a lot of performances are no longer the

of performances are no longer the product of just training - something else is needed. A's no longer the sport I dreamed about. You understand, I'm referring to those athletes who are prohibited substances".

Mennea implied that he knew of

specific cases The banning of Martti Vainio for drug taking in Los Angeles certainly indicates the continued. If not increasing use of drugs among top athletes. The Finn became the first Olympic medal winner to be positively tested. It has been revealed that the Finnish national coach knew of Vainio's drug taking

well before the Olympics; the coach has subsequently been sacked.

Meunea, who set the 200 metres world record of 19.72 sec at altitude in Mexico City in 1979 before winning his Olympic title, retired for 15 months in early 1981, but came back to finish seventh in the Los Angeles 200 metres final.

of a large catch British athletics seems to be an investment comparable with British Telecom (Pat Butcher writes). Pearl Assurance found that their pensions business almost doubled last year after they advertised the scheme in the seamer in the seamer in the seamer in the seamer with the seam

the commercial break of their televised half-marathon series final, which they sponsored for the Amateur Athletic Association.

The relaxation of IBA laws so that companies can advertise in the commercial breaks of televised events which they sponsor contributed to the success. This was also the principal reason why the British athletics administration chose to go with ITA for dozentic companies. with ITV for domestic coverage for the next five years.

Pearl Assurance have accordingly athletics for the next three years to £250,000 a year. They will continue to support their half-marathon series, but will also come in off the road to sponsor the AAA and Women's AAA Championships at Cosford on January 25-26, and an outdoor intrnational, Great Britain against East Germany - one of the top two athletics nations in the world - in Birmingham on July 6-7.

That meeting will take place at the Alexander Stadium, the home of Birchifeld Harriers.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Castro sounds red alert

Tokyo (AFP) - Fidel Castro, the staging the Games.

Dr Castro has already requested Cuban president, is determined that in an open letter to Iman his country should stay away from the 1988 summer Olympics in Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, that the Games should be held in both reported yesterday, as monitored here. He told the North Korean Ambassador to Cuba, Pak Yong-Se, last weekend in Havana that Cuba would wage a "powerful struggle" to stop the South Korean capital from staging the Games.

Court of Appeal

Law Report December 5 1984

Result of accident not relevant Public policy to driving penalty

Regina v Krawek

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice and Mr Justice Otton Judgment delivered November 261

When a jury acquitted a motor cyclist of causing death by reckless cyclist of causing death by reckiess driving but convicted him of careless by the judge who said that it was a serious case because death resulted, the Court of Appeal reduced the fine to £250. The court in a reserved judgment, held that the unforeseen

and unexpected results of the carclessness were not in themselves relevant to penalty and made reference to Suggestions for Traffic Offence Penalties 8th edition (1983) sublished by the Magistrates Association. The jury verdicts of acquittal and

of guilty by a 10 to two majority were returned on March 29 at the Central Criminal Count (Indge Ranking) at the trial of lhor Krawec, aged 25, of Palace Road, Tulse Hill.

Britain.

Miss Received Foster resigned by

Miss Rosalind Foster, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant, a motor cycle messenger with no previous convictions, was riding at the junction of Maple Street, University Street and Tottenham Court Road and he collided with an elderly male added to the street large. and he collided with an elderly male pedestrian who died six days later. When interviewed the appellant admitted that he might have gone through the traffic lights while they were showing red against him. He said that he was concentrating on the car in front of him, which was turning right and only saw the redestrian when it was too late. edestrian when it was too late. Miss Foster submitted that the case contained no serious aggravat-

speed por of racing por of uninsured On the contrary there was

ing features; there was no suggestion of alcohol nor of grossly excessive

Conviction on first specimen and on refusal

Duddy v Gallagher Where a driver had been required to provide two specimens of breath for analysis pursuant to section 8 of the Road Traffic Act 1972 (as substituted in Schedule 8 to the Transport Act 1981) and had failed without processed to the transport Act 1981) and had failed without reasonable excuse to provide the second specimen, the evidence of the single specimen was admissible as evidence if the statutory procedure as required by

section 8 was complied with.
Accordingly, if justices had correctly
admitted evidence of the analysis of
a single specimen, there was nothing
in the 1972 Act (as substituted) to prevent them from convicting of driving while over the limit contrary to section 6(1) and of failing to provide a specimen for analysis contrary to section 8(7).

The Queen's Bench Divisional

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Robert Goff and Mr Justice McCullough) so held on November 20 dismissing the defendant's appeal against his conviction before Huntingdon Justices on November 2, 1983, when they imposed fines of £100 and disqualification for 12 months for the section 6(1) there are 4573. withing walking distance of the city and disqualification for 12 months centre. The type of surface has yet to for the section 6(1) charge and £25 and a concurrent 12-month dis-

> GOFF said that Howard v Hallett (The Times May 11, 1984) was not procedure under the Act.

police that the appellant's vehicle was well maintained and that he showed extreme concern for the deceased, travelling with him to hospital in the ambulance. Counsel appellant the state of the counsel submitted that the judge failed to give adequate weight to the appellant's previous good character nished driving record.

Miss Foster had raised two further matters which had particularly exercised the court. She submitted, first that the judge erred in regarding the fatality that ensued from the accident as an aggravating eature of the case. There was no transcript of the proceedings, but her note stated that, when sentenc-ing the judge said. This is a serious case because death resulted n was that in a case

of careless driving the gravity of the consequences - in the present case the pedestrian's death - were not relevant to the penalty and she cited a passage from Wilkinson's Road Traffic Offences 11th edition (1982) p278 in support of her contention. The question therefore arose, if,

as it appeared, the judge did take into account the fact that a death occurred, was be entitled to do so? In their Lordships' judgment the unforescen and unexpected results of the carelessness were not in themselves relevant to penalty. The primary consideration was the quality of the driving, the extent to which the motorist on the particular occasion fell below the standard of the reasonably competent driver, in other words, the degree of careless ness and culpability. The unforceen consequence

might sometimes be relevant to those considerations. In the present case, the fact that the appellant failed to see the pedestrian until it was too late and therefore collided with him was plainly a relevant factor. The fact that the unfortunate man died was not relevant on that

charge.
Since it seemed that the fact of
the death influenced the judge to
some extent, some reduction in the

Search orders require clear evidence

Jeffrey Rogers Knitwear Productions Ltd v Vinola (Knit-

wear) Manufacturing Co Plaintiffs seeking an Anton Piller order (for the search and seizure of order (for the scatch and setzine of incriminating documents or goods) must establish a strong prima face case that serious actual or potential damage was likely to them and there must be clear evidence that the defendants had in their possession infringing goods or incriminating documents and that there was a real doctiments and that tiere was a lear probability that such items would be destroyed before an inter partes order could be made, Mr Justice Whitford said in the Chancery Division on November 23 discharging an Anton Piller order made by Mr Justice Vinelott on November 5.

HIS LORDSHIP said it was the duty of the plaintiffs to investigate the case against the defendants before seeking an Anton Piller order. It was clear that the plaintiffs recognized that, since some investi-gations had been made but in seeking the order they did not disclose that those investigations had been made nor the results. After a long search of the

defendants' memises no trace could qualification for the section 8(7) be found of any infringing goods, save some which might be the same as, or bear a colourable resemblance
LORD JUSTICE ROBERT to, two out of five items alleged to have been copied.
It was wholly improper to rely

authority for the proposition that a single specimen of breath was as had been relied on in other inadmissible as evidence, but that the specimen had to be taken in ant to whom it was alleged that inadmissible as evidence, but that proceedings against another defend-the specimen had to be taken in accordance with the statutory these defendants had supplied

paternity is confirmed In re O (a Minor)

No access until

Under sections 9(1) and 14(1) of the Guardianship of Minors Act 1971 (as amended) an order for access to a child could only be made on the application of the father, mother or grandparent, and the judge had no jurisdiction to make an order in favour of an applicant who claimed to be the father of an illegitimate child but whose claim was disputed by the mother until the paternity issue had been decided. It would have been otherwise if the application had been made to make the child a ward

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Oriffiths and Lord Justice Stephen Brown) so held on November 29, allowing an appeal by the mother of an illegitimate child, against an order of Mr Justice Eastham that the plaintiff, who claimed to be the futher, should have interim access, while directing that the paternity issue be tried and blood tests be taken pursuant to section 20 of the Family Law Reform Act 1969.

LORD JUSTICE GRIFFITHS said that had the judge been asked to make the child a ward of court that would have enlarged his jurisdiction and he would fren have had power to make the order but the Guardianship of Minors Act 1971 applied not only to the High Court but to county courts and magistrates courts and it was clear that jurisdiction under the Act was limited and was not as wide as the wardship jurisdiction which was exercised only by the High Court.

Pedantic divorce registrars criticized

There was no room for over-metiulousness or over-technicality in culousness or over-rechnicality in appreach by divorce county court registrars dealing with divorce suits heard under special procedure, Mr Justice Latey, sitting as an additional judge of the Queen's Bench Division, said on December 3, granting an order for mandamus requiring Judge Heald to hear an armeal by the tretitioner from the appeal by the petitioner from the refusal of the registrar to grant a certificate of satisfaction relating to an undefended suit presented under the special procedure rules.

HIS LORDSHIP said that legal aid was not available under special procedure the objective of which was simplicity, speed and economy. That did not mean that the essentials of the petition and proof

Regina v Nottingham County
Court, Ex parte Byers
There was no from for over-metiwere to be set at naught there was no room for over-meticulousness, over-technicality in approach by the registrars. Provided the essentials were satisfied it did not matter if there was something in the petition or in the affidavit which was unnecessary and surplus unnecessary and surplus.

> Before the introduction of the Before the introduction of the special procedure minor irregularities could be put right simply and inexpensively before the judge. The function of the registrars was not an easy one but they could properly exercise that function by preferring substance for mere form.

> A registrar when refusing to grant a certificate under rule 33 of the Matrimonial Causes Rules (SI 1977 No 344) had judicially considered the matter and had judicially

determined that no certificate should be granted. The order was an should be granted. The order was an interfocutory ope and therefore there could be an appeal to a judge, when a special procedure divorce suit came to halt because of an impasse between the solicitor acting for the petitioner and the registrar.

In the present case the registrar had queried the choice of remedy when that choice was for the petitioner not for the registrar. Judge Heald had taken the view that the weighter's amounts were wholly the registrar's approach was wholly mistaken but considered that he was mistaken but considered that he was without jurisdiction to remedy the matter. There would be an order for mandamus directed to Judge Heald requiring him to hear the appeal.

Perhaps instead of the certifying process there should be substituted a report and recommendation to the judge.

Challenging decision not to entertain appeal

Before Mr Justice Hodgson
[Judgment delivered November 28]
The proper forum for attacking a
decision of the Secretary of State for
the Environment not to entertain an appeal under section 88 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 was by application for judicial review and not by appeal under section 246

of that Act.

Mr Justice Hodgson so held in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing an application by Lenlyn Ltd for judicial review of a decision of the secretary of state.

Mr A Alesbury for the applicants:

Mr John Laws for the secretary of

MR JUSTICE HODGSON said

that on December 29, 1983 the planning authority issued an enforcement notice against the applicants under section 87 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971. The date specified on the notice on which it was to take effect

Lenlyn Ltd v Secretary of State made before the date specified in the enforcement notice as the date on which it was to take effect and Regina v Secretary of State for that meant that the notice of appeal had to be received by the secretary of state before that date.

The applicants wished to chal-

lenge that decision and started two sets of proceedings. His Lordship was asked to say which of the two procedures was correct, a point on which there was no direct authority. Section 246 referred to appeals from proceedings on an appeal. Where the secretary of state refused to accept jurisdiction it could not be said that his decision was one in proceedings on appeal,

If the secretary of state refused to accept jurisdiction to entertain an appeal the proper way to attack that decision was by judicial review, the High Crather than by appeal under section January 31. There was no direct authority as to whether the requirements of section \$3 could be complied with

merely by posting the notice in writing or whether there was to be actual delivery or service on the secretary of state before the specified date.

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Abuse of disciplinary process

It was an abuse of the disciplinary process for the Law Society of Singapore to bring second disciplinary proceedings against an advocate and solicitor after he had already been suspended from practice for two years in the first disciplinary proceedings when they both support

Summary judgment appeals Rapid Building Group Ltd v Ealing Family Housing Association Ltd Lord Justice Stephenson, sixing in the Court of Appeal with Lord Rapid Building Group Ltd v Court Act 1981, leave to appeal from a judgment under Sidney L Stem and Partners v Wolf (The Times, November 6) could not be read as deciding the contrary.

The secretary of state on representation of state refused to entertain the appeal and wrote to the applicants saying that an appeal under section \$2 (1) might only be received for the Supreme Court, stated that pursuant to section 18 (2) of the Supreme

Wee v Law Society of Singapore

proceedings when they both arose from the same conduct by him and the complaints against him were the same or substantially the same, the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Elwyn-Jones, Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Brightman and Lord Templeman) said on December 3 giving reasons for on November 7 allowing the appeal of Mr Harry Lee Wee from a suspension ordered by the High Court of Singapore on

It was plain on the wording of the time when the secretary of state on Rebruary 13. The document was not posted until February 15 and was received by the secretary of state on Rebruary 15.

The secretary of state refused to entertain the appeal and wrote to the applicants saying that an appeal

It was plain on the wording of lourd Justice Stephenson, sitting in the Court of Appeal with Lond Justice Lloyd on November 30, allowing an appeal by the Faling appeal the notice in writing. The Family Housing Association Ltd relevant date was the receipt of the eagents an order of Judge John notice of appeal rather than its mere possing. Accordingly the application for judicial review failed.

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the fresh evidence relied on was such as would probably have a substantial effect or an important influence on the result having regard their alia, to the apparent cradibility of the evidence, Mr Justice Hirst, held in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Beach, Division on November 26 refusing to remit an award to arbitrators. HIS LORDSHIP said that such

HIS LORDSHIP said that such an approach was fully in line with the tests laid down in Hip. Poong Hong v Neotia ([1918] AC 888); Rowell v Pratt ([1938] AC 101); Ladd v Marshall ([1954] 1 WLR 1459); and Whitehall Shipping Co Ltd v Kompass Schiffahriskontor GmbH ([1979] 1 Lloyd's Rep 589). The suggestion of the Divisional Court in Dower (E.M.) & Co v Corrie MacColl & Son Ltd ((1925) 22 L1 L Rep. 256) that a less stringent test

applied in arbitration cases was obiter and based on a misinterpret-ation of Keighley Marsted v Durant ([1893]] QB 405). It was not binding on his Lordship and he would not follow it.

HIS LORDSHIP said that Order

58, rule 4 allowed appeals from official referees as if they were judges of the High Court. The reference there to "section 31 of the Act [the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act 1925] must now be read as referr to section 18 of the 1981 Act.

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Thackwell v Barclays Bank plc

[Judgment delivered November 26]

Where a party claimed the proceeds of a cheque which the court had found to be the result of a

fraudulent transaction, there was no entitlement to recovery of the sum

claimed on the ground of public policy to do so would amount to assisting indirectly in the commission of the crime.

Mr Justice Hutchison so held in a seserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division giving judgment for

the defendant bank in an action in which the plaintiff claimed negli-

gence and conversion and sought to recover £44,227, the value of a

Mr Alan Newman for the plaintiff, Mr John Peppin, QC and Mr John Jarvis for the defendant

MR JUSTICE HUTCHISON

said that the bank credited a post-dated cheque drawn on the account of a company, which was a customer at its New Bond Street branch, and payable to the plaintiff,

to another company. Riva Electronics (UK) Ltd, whose account was also at that branch upon the request of a director of that company.

It was common ground that the

the was common ground that the choque had on its reverse the forged signature of the plaintiff, who purchased and initially ran a gold mining company whose account was also at New Bond Street.

Rivs was an important source of finance for the mining company and dealt with its book-keeping. The plaintiff, because of financial difficulties, sought a refinancing deal with Rivs relating to some of the equipment at the mine.

The assistant manager of the New

Bond Street branch, aware that some re-financing of equipment was to take place, accepted the payment of the cheque into Riva's account,

not doubting the genuineness of the

His Lordship concluded from the evidence that the plaintiff from the

optiest was party to a scheme whereby as part of the refinancing

deal some machinery was invoiced at an excessive price because of

The plaintiff gave no indication to the bank of his claim to the

cheque for some nine months after its payment to Riva which had

become insolvent, its director being convicted of offences arising out of

the transaction while the plaintiff

The bank had rightly conceded that the plaintiff's case in conversion would be made out since he had given no authority to the bank

to collect for Riva's account a cheque of which he was the payee

and which bore a forged endorse ment which be had not authorized.

On the question of negligence and following the principles of Lord Justice Diplock in Marjani & Co Ltd v Midland Bank Ltd (1968) 1WLR 956, 972), the chromstances

of the presentation of the chequivere so unusual that the assistan

manager ought to have been put on inquiry, and ought especially to have made further inquires from the

As a matter of law, it was no answer for a bank which had been

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guilty of negligence in the collection of a cheque to prove that even had the question, the omission to ask which constituted such negligence, been asked, a reassuring answer would have been given: see, for example, Selangor United Rubber Estates Ltd v Cradock (No 3) [[1968] IWLR 1555, 1607].

However, it was conceded that if the plaintiff knew beforehand and

was party to the fraudulent refinancing scheme, he could not recover because of the maxim ex

turpi causa non oritur actio; see Scott v Brown Doering McVab & Co [[1892] 2QB 724, 728).

Therefore, the plaintiff could not

maintain the action against the bank

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Fresh evidence

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In considering whether to remit an award to arbitrators on the ground that fresh evidence had been

disclosed since the making of the disclosed since the making of the award, a court should apply the same test as was to be applied in court proceedings, namely, whether the fresh evidence relied on was

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The increasing growth of leisure activity is becoming a prime factor in the development of holiday complexes, especially in southern Spain and on the Algarve. Sales in what has been, during the past five years, a mainly British market, have been slowing which is hardly surprising, given the high level of purchasing after the lifting of exchange control in

The consequence of this levellingoff of purchasers is causing some developers to start thinking in terms of a total leisure-orientated sale rather than merely marketing a handsome villa or apartment with sea views and the lure of constant sunshine. Typical of this forward-thinking

attitude is the rapid growth of the La Manga Country Club in Murcia, south-eastern Spain. Started 10 years ago, the complex had to be rescued by a consortium of US banks before being purchased in 1981 by European Ferries, which is spending as much time and money on developing the sporting facilities on its 1,400 acre site as it is on building holiday homes.

James Lees, the managing director of the European Ferries Spanish subsidiary company, INMOgolf, which owns La Manga, said: "As well as the large variety of villas and apartments for sale, there is a four-star hotel for which some apartments can be bought to be tied into a leaseback arrangement. There are two 18-hole golf courses,

and plans for two more by the end of the decade. The courses are being maintained to international standard. helped by an irrigation system which,

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Great emphasis is laid by Mr Leeston the Racquets Club, which comprises 17 courts (13 hard and two grass tennis courts, plus two for paddle-tennis). Work is due to begin, for completion part coving on three for completion next spring, on three squash courts, a croquet lawn and bowling green. All of this has, as its focal point, a large clubhouse, now undergoing total renovation to provide tournament standard facilities. To this end, David Lloyd has just signed a three-year contract with La Manga Club's owners to manage the centre from February 1985.

Other facilities at La Manga, which has some beach frontage, include water sports with emphasis on windsurfing, a children's playpark, horseriding and, unusually, a cricket pitch, as well as the mandatory swimming

The apartments for sale are reasonably priced because land values are lower than the Costa dei Sol, where building land is at a premium. The Miradores apartments and golf bungalows have excellent terraces or balconies, all overlook the golf



developments on the La Manga Club estate at Murcia in south-

courses to the sea beyond and cost from £27,000 for a large studio to £40,000 for a three-bedroom apart-

Bellaluz, the completed hillside pueblo development of 257 apart-ments clustered around a square with shops, restaurants and a supermarket, has a wide selection of units for sale at prices ranging from £15,628 for a studio, £21,210 for one bedroom, £25,860 for two bedrooms, £34,000 for three bedrooms to a top price of £43,400 for four-bedroom houses.

Construction is just starting for completion next April, on the first phase of Los Altos, a development of 22 two and three bedrom villas, costing from £52,500 to £67,500, of which six are already reserved. Furnishing packages are available for between £4,500 and £6,000. Total annual outgoings range from £750 to £1,000. This includes all

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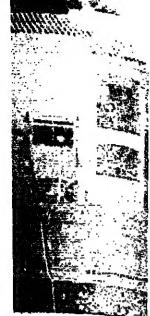
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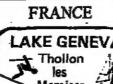
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The American stayaway

The international flavour of London is shown to be as strong as ever during 1984 by the fact that nearly two-thirds of sales by the estate agents. Chestertons, of properties costing £150,000 or more have been to overseas buyers.

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

As in the last four years, Middle-Eastern buyers have held the top position as buyers, but this year there has been a significant increase in buyers from the Far East (28 per cent compared with 28.5 per cent from the Middle East). Most of the far-eastern buyers come from Hong Kong, both expatriates - in the lower price ranges - and Chinese.

Among the 65 per cent of sales which have been made to foreigners. Europeans are still strong buyers, although surprisingly the number of purchasers from the US has fallen, compared with previous years, despite the strength of the US dollar against the pound.

Writing in Chesterton's property review, Bruce MacEacharn explains that changes in taxation, or the feeling that the pound/dollar balance has yet to level out, are probably the reasons for the Americans' apparent refuctance to buy.

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bombing, plus the weakness of the the pound, have tended to worry the overseas buyer."

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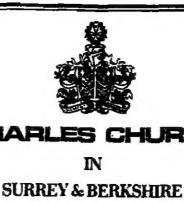
With the rise of prices, however more new properties came on to the market and though that gave agents a busy summer, the market began to slow down again. He says: "1984 has been a stop-start year which has tended to confuse sellers and buyers alike - if not agents as well."

One feature has been the number of good conversions of older property. probably reflecting the planners' resistance to wholesale redevelopment, and preference for conservation. Usually these have been done with taste and skill, the old façades retained in front of completely rebuilt interiors. With an emphasis on high public Characters ment that the 10 quality, Chestertons report that the 10 or so main developments, new and refurbishments, that they have dealt with this year were sold in a matter of weeks rather than months.

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28 No 1 (Arva Telletison, violin);
Rangetrom's Symptomy No 3
(Song Beneath the Stars),†
10.50 Song Recitat, Glath Yaron
(soprano) with Milita Laks (pieno).
Dvorak's Biblical Songs; Berg's
Seven Early Songs; Gelbrum's
Two songs (Las Goldberg),†
11.30 Mozant Vienna Chamber
Sougemble night the Directiments

12.15 Concert Hall: Alan Gravill (piano)

12.15 Concert Hait: Alan Gravill (piano)
plays Messiaen's Carnéycoleys;
and Debussy's Children's
Corner.† 1.90 News.
1.05 Berry Goodner. (9) The 1950's.
With Braff, Shavers and Mary
Lou Williams (mono).
1.30 Matines Musicale: BBC Concert
Combette (surfer; saurence) with

Orchestra (under Lawrence) with

Roberto Aussel (guitar). Strausa's overtura The Gipsy Baron; Astor Plazzolla's

Compadre, Romantico, Acentuado; Vaughan Williams's (orch Jacob) English Folk Song Sulta: Lyadov's The Enchanted

Lake: Brouwer's Gaudi (Retratos Catalans); Alan Langford's Trio.?

2.30 Music Group of London; Arnold Cooke's Trio for Clarinet, Cello

and Piano; and Khachaturi Trio for Clarinet, Violin and

Trio for Clarinet, Violin and Plano.?

3.15 Miklos Rozsa's Orchestral Music: Overtura to a Symphony Concart, Op 26a; Concent for String Onchestra; and Varietions on a Hungarian Pleasant Song, Op 4 (Zalgmondy, violin).†

4.00 Choral Evensong: from Portsmouth Cathedral – Rec.1 4.55 News.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Andraw Kenner's selections.

6.30 Debut: Caroline Palmer (plano) plays C. P. E. Bech's Variations on Les folies d'Espagne; Ravers

on Les folies d'Espagnes; Ravers on Les folies d'Espagnes; Ravers Menuet sur le nom d'Haydn; and Schumann's Kinderscenien.† 7.90 Vivaldi: Simon Standage (violin) Arthony Piseth (cato) and Travor Pinnock (harpsichord) play the Sonsta in D major, RV 755.†

7.15 The Other Lake: Patrice Chapan's

play has music composed by liona Sakaz, and it stars Janet Maw, San Philips, David Neal, John Rows, Maryslok Gibbs, Gregory Phillips and Bernard Brown, it describes what harmone when the composed in the com

happens when the personal assistant to a famous opera

8.30 Delius: A Mass of Life, Performed by the BBC SO. Chorus and Singers under Sir John Pritchard, with sololsts Teresa Cartil, Alfreds Hodgson, Arthur Davies and Benjamin Luxon, Part cne.t 9.00 Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC, and presented by lan McDougal.

McDougell, 9.20 A Mass of Life: the second part.†

10.45 Laddes Lost and Found: Martin Jarvis plays Chaucer in part eight of Terbrice Titler's modern English verse version of The Book of the Duchess and The

assistent to a famous opera star becomes obsessed with a Chinese vase given to the singer t

Ensemble play the Divertimento in B flat. K 387.1

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6.00 Coefex AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Setina Scott. News from Debbie Rix at 5.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with ities on the quarter hours and at 8.59; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.48 and 8.15; programme choice at 6.55; a review of the morning newspapers at 7.18 and 8.18. Plus Mike Smith with

the new Top Twenty. 9.00 Lyn Marshal's Everyday. Yoga Lesson 15: the Lag Over (r) 9.10 The Dorsetmen. Dennis Skillicom is taken on a tour of Dorchester by the Town Crier, Bob Walker and later attends the annual Great Steam Working at Stourpaine Bushes 9.40 Confex 10.30 Pizy School (r).

Gharber. A magazine programme for Asian women. Among the items is a discussion on the cost of keeping a house warm in winter 11.15 Ceefax.

12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances prospects come from fan McCaskill 12.57 Regional naws (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subti

1.00 Pebble Mill at One with Derek Pebble Mill at One with Derek Nimmo revealing his weakness for making and drinking cocktalls; Prue Leith presents the last of her Good Looking cocking course; and along from Baine Page 1.45 Gran (r) 1.50 Stop-Gol (r) 2.00 Bilizzard's Wenderth Wooden Toys. Richard Bilizzard of Splays his skills in making a clisplays his skills in making a playhouse (r).

Film: The Return of Peter Grimm* (1935) starring Lionel Barrymore as an irascible old man who returns from the dead to clear up the mess he left when he died. Directed by George Nicholfs Jr 3.48 Regional news (not London).

3.50 Play School, presented by Liz Milibank 4.10 Benestaman 4.15 Jacksnory. Penelope Keith with the story of The Prince's Birthday Present (r) 4.25 Godzilla. 4.50 John Craven's Newsround

4.56 The Box of Delights. Episode three of the six-part dramatization of John Masefield's tale (Ceefax). 5.25 The Good Life. More comedy from the depths of rural Surbition (r). 5.58 Weather. 6.00 News.

6.30 London Plus. Ele NORMORA The Property Agents 6.55 Cartoon, Bugs Bunny.

7.00 I've Got a Secret. Bettine Le au, Barry Cryer, Chris Kelly and Anneka Rice try to prise secrets from guests who include David Jensen. .30 Sharon and Elsie. Comedy series about a couple of

8.00 Dalfas. J.R. is not convinced that the scruffy Jamie is his cousin while Cliff Barnes discovers that his new-found wealth attracts enemies as well as friends (Centre) as we

9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the SDP 9.10 News with John Humphrys.

9.35 Sportsnight, introduced by *: Harry Carpenter. The programme includes highlights from one of tonight's Milk Cup matches and a profile of Oxford United Football Club. 10.25 Film: Paradise Alley (1978) starring Sylvester Stallone, Lee Canalito and Armand Assente as three brothers trying to escape from the New York slums. They make it

through one of them's ability

TO THE COLUMN TWO IS NOT THE PARTY. in the boxing ring. But success leads to the close-knit trio growing apart. This film marked Stallone's debut as a 12.10 News headlines and weather. 12.40 Night Thoughts.

*ITV/LONDON 9.25 Thames news headlines 9.30 Schools: the heart and blood circulation 9.50 Philip Knightly mines truth in journalism 10.15 Further education or work? 10.40 China before the cultural revolution.

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presented by Anne Diamond

and Mike Morris. News with

Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00;

sport at 6.39 and 7.37; guest, Christopher Biggins from 6.45; exercises at 6.46 and 9.20; the

day's anniversaries at 6.51; pop video at 7.54; star

romance at 8.15; Eye Poliard's

gossip column at 8.34; Fred Titmus remembers at 8.47;

Roddy Liewellyn's gardening advice at 9.06.

6.25 Good Morning Britain

11.00 All in a Day's Walk. David Erwin and Joe Furphy visit Rathlin Island, off the coast of Northern Ireland 11.25 Cartoon Time; Injun Trouble 11.30 Crown Court A Matter of Trust. A firm of solicitors are accused of betrayal of trust (r).

12.00 Rod, Jeste and Freddy with a musical story about the Grubs 12.10 Our Beckyard 12.30 The Sullivans. Drams serial about an Australian family during the Second World War.

1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin 1.20 Thames news from Robin Houston 1.30 A Country Practice, Medical drama series set in a town in the Australian outback, 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen, Grace Mulligan and Joan Hammill Muligari and Joan Hamme bake for test and suppers 3.00 Teice the High Road 3.25. Thames news headines 3.30 Sons and Daughters. Drama serial about the Eves and loves

of two Australia of two Australian families - the Palmers and the Hamiltons. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. A repeat of the programme shown at noon 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. Stories about a naughty duck 4.20 Emu's World (r) 4.45 Murphy's Mob. Serial about a group of football-mad youngsters 5.15 Blockbusters

5.45 News 6.00 Thames nows. 6.25 Heipi Viv Taylor Gee with news of the Greater London Association for the Disabled's report on transport facilities for disabled people. 6.35 Crossroads. Edna Tilling has

an acrimonious argument with her daughter over a letter. 7.00 Name That Tune. Fast-moving musical outz presented by Lionel Stair. 7.30 Coronation Street, Hilds

Odden parts with some of her late husband's possessions Why should this upset Jack 6.00 This is Your Life. Earnonn

Andrews, armed with his big red book, schemes to surprise another worthy. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. Music and comedy from the

talented impressionist. 9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on 9,10 Travelling Mart. Ex-policemen Lomex, still searching for his SON FOR ILS

confused and frightened by a number of unexplained events. He determines to get to the bottom of the incidents. Starring Leigh Lawson (Oracle).

10.10 News followed by Themes news headlines. 10.40 Boxing: Funso Banjo of Great Britain meets Marvis Frazier from the United States in a heavyweight contest at The commentators are Rec Gutteridge, Jim Rosenthal and former world lightweight champion, Jim Watt.

11.40 Afghanistan: Allah Against the Gunships. Sandy Gall's account of the Afghan guerrilla forces' fight against the occupying Russian Army.



David Suchet and Frances

3.50 Film: George White's

9.00 Ceefax

BBC 2

Scandals* (1945) starring

with Gene Krupa's Band and

electric organist Ethel Smith. Musical comedy based on the Broadway show, The Scandals. Directed by Felix E

for young people presented by Floella Benjamin, Joanna Morro, Andrew Secombe and

Joan Davis and Jack Ha

5.25 News summary with subtitle

6.35 Fast Forward. Entertainmen

5.00 The High Chaparrel, Vintage western series in which, this week, Buck, Manolito and Billy

sent to Tucson to purch

6.50 The Phil Silvers Show."

7.15 Ebony presented by Julist

Blue find the combination of

wine, women and song too much to resist when they are

Sergeant Bilko's generous gesture of babysitting for a new member of the platoon

eads to complications when

Bilko panics at the thought of

having to change a nappy (r).

Alexander and Vince Herbert

from the New Ocean Club in

Cardiff's Tiger Bay, Reported Linda Mitchell, a native of

Tiger Bay, finds out what it is like to be black and Welsh; and

talks to the Bay Poets who are leading the light to prevent the

M4 extension that is planned to cut a swathe through Bute Town. Music is provided by two local groups. Bissmillah

7.45 My Music. A test of musical

knowledge between Frank Mulr, John Amis, Denis

8.10 Timewatch presented by Pete

Norden and lan Wallace. The

estion setter and master is

France. This month's edition of

the history with hindelight series examines how Nelson's

herolam has been viewed by successive generations aince

his death; contrasts Mrs Thatcher's election victory last

year with Salisbury's in 1900;

and examines the life of John

Wycliffe, 600 years after his

starring David Suchet and Frances Tomeity. Colin Smith

is a successful novellst, the

writer of a television sit-com

cartoon character. When he meets influential critic Angela

the dignity of a literary ion. He begins an affair with Angela and thinks of leaving his wife

to further his literary career but

she has different plans (see

10.10 Out of Court. David Jessel and

Sue Cook with another

10.40 Newsnight. The latest national and international news plus

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day. Ends at 11.30.

extended coverage of one of the main news stories of the

of the law.

series and the creator of a

9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the SDP.

9.10 Oxbridge Blues: The Muse,

and Denym

Steve Race (r).

5.30 Willo the Wisp (r).

Nick Wilton,

This is drams, kid, not opera." Thus stage director Tony Palmer, disapprovingly, to the tener who has reacted operatically more than dramatically to the death of the slave-girl Liù in a rehearsal for Turandot, Mr Palmer himself, in directing tonight's film PUCCINI (Channel 4, 9.00pm), has not troubled himself with any such distinctions. He asks us to conclude that, in writing Turandot, Puccini was reconstituting elements from an awful episode in his life, the suicide of the servent girl, Doria Manfredi, suspected of an adulterous relationship with the

composer, it would be possible to make out a case for Liu's being a transmogrified Doria. But if you know your Turandot, and its plot about the prince who thaws an ice princess, you will take some convincing that the prince is a

CHANNEL 4

2.35 Film: Helter Sketter* (1949) starring Carol Marsh and David Tominson. Comedy

about a rich young woman who, after having a row with her fiance, develops hiccups. Told that the best way of

curing them is to receive a fright she decides to spend the night in a haunted house.

Directed by Ralph Thomas,

interviews with studio guests presented by Mavis Nicholso

numbers game is challenged by Barry Passfield from

Vera, claims that she has a sixth sense and predicts a

number of events that actually

happen – including the 20-1 winner of a horse race, Panic

ensues when she dreams that Mel will be faced by a man with

5.30 The Mary Tyler Moore Show.

Mary decides to attend her high school class reunion, in

the company of Rhoda, who hopes she might meet an eligible bachelor.

edition features slient damsels

in distress. These include Mae Marsh being threatened by

cave-men and Gloria Swanson being tied to the railway tracks

6.00 Sitents Please," This weak's

by Wallace Beery.

7.00 Channel Four News.

6.30 The Living Body. Part 12 of the series exploring the inner

workings of the human body continues with last week's

Wrigglesworth, the SDP MP for Stockton South.

8.00 People to People present Get

miners and their fan

side of his and other

Yorkshire.

It Shown! The story of the

8.30 Diverse Reports: What a Difference a Gay Makes. Denis

Lemon, the founder of Gay

News, takes stock of the funny

powosexnaje, lives and of the

common occurrence against

Robert Stephens and Virginia McKenns, about the period in

the composer's life on which he based his opera Turandot.

The play is linked with extracts from Scottish Opera's

production of Turandot with Linda Esther Gray, Phylis Cannan and Eduardo Alvares

Andrew Neil, editor of The Sunday Times, and Karen

Armstrong present an enquiry

England. Among those participating in the programm

are the Bishop of Sirmingham the Rt Rev Hugh Monteflore,

evangelical Angilcan, the Rev David Holloway; and Professor Maurice Wiles, professor of divinity at Oxford University.

into the state of the Church of

(see Choice).

11.05 A Church for England?

ive in Kiveton Park in South

topic - the nervous syste

7.50 Comment. The political slot this week is taken by lan

4.00 A Plus 4. Discussion and

4.30 Countdown, Yesterday's

winner of the words and

5.00 Alice. One of the waitresses,

CHOICE

muted Puccini and that the princess is a transmigrated Signora Pucchi. If, however, you can swallow Mr Palmer's Interpretations, you will probably not share my other reservation about his film, which concerns the way it intercuts the tale of Puccini's suspected infidelity with rehearsals for Mr Paimer's generally unloved Scottish Opera production of Turandor: in shuffling together two backs of cards, the game has become impossible to play. On the credit side, the film has Nick Knowland's ravishingly beautiful camerawork and Robert Stephens's blighted and benighted Puccini and some of Mr Palmer's coups de théâtre

are as good as any engineered by Ken Russell at his best.

Radio 4

9.00 News.
9.05 Midweelc Libby Purves and gussts including Dame Alicia Markova.
10.00 News; Gardeners' Cuestion Time

● THE MUSE (BBC 2, 9.10pm) is this week's *Orbridge Blues* story. Its theme is literary inspiration. hence the title, although you will have to wait until the end to

discover on whose brow Frederic Rephael has ordained that the laurels ultimately come to rest. It is becoming a rectious commonplace to talk of Mr Raphael's sophisticated nose-thumbing dialogue, so you must take it as read that tonight's story has its customary full complement of scalpel-sharp wit. Even so, I doubt if you will be fully prepared for the scale of the verbal battering that Frances Tomelty's literary critic inflicts on us, the viewers, and on Devid Suchet's defenceless w Deplorable character; terrific

Peter Davalle

6.00 The Stx o'Clock News; Financial Report. 8.30 Top of the Form, First semi-final, Moorhead High School, Accrington, versus King Henry Vill School, Abergsvenny,

VIII School, Abergavenny.
7.00 News busietin.
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Checkpoint, Listeners' cases of untair dealings and injustice. With Roger Cook.
7.45 The Reith Lectures 1984, "Minds, Brains and Science" – six talks by John Searle (5): A Changing Reality, John Searle is Professor of Philosophy at the University of California, Berkeley.
8.15 In Business with Peter Hobday.
8.45 Analysis, Mary Goldring on privatization.

(r).
10.30 Morning Story: 'The Scissor Man' by Jill Norts. Read by Shirley Dixon.
10.45 Daily Service (NEM, page 9).†
11.00 News; Travel; You the Jury: The motion is: Men are just in need of liberation as women (r).
11.45 Mighy myths. Derek Robinson challenges some beliefs we take

11.48 Mighy myths. Derek Robinson challenges some beliefs we take for granted. Today: Two Cheers for the Olympics*.

12.00 News: You and Yours. Consumer affairs.

12.27 Pather Brown Stories 1: The Blue Cross by G. K. Chesterion. With Andrew Sects as the detective priest (r).

12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World at One: News.

1.35 A Party Political Broadcast (by the Social Democratic Party).

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.

Forecast.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour, Including an interview with Odeline de la Martinez, the Cuben composer and conductor. There is also the final episode of E. M. Forster's A Room with a View.

3.90 The Afternoon Play:

Thanksgiving, by Jehane
Markham, With Elizabeth Bell,
Arna Nygh and Petra Markham.
The story of three women, close
friends in the past, who hold a
reunion and find it impossible to lalk honestly about their Time for Verse. A series of sb: programmes (4) Perodies. Simon Brett is the pres

4.00 News; File on 4(r), 4.40 Story Time: Laugh with Lardner. 3: The Love Nest'. Read by am Roberts.

5.00 PM: News Magazine, 5.50 Shipping Forecast, 5.55 Weather,

BBC1 Wales: 12.57pm-1.00 News of Wales headlines. 3.48-3.50 News of Wales headlines. 5.25-5.35 interval. 5.35-5.58 Wales Today, 6.30-6.55 Sportfolio. 12.12am-12.40 Claire Rayner's Casebook: Manic Depression. 12.40-12.45 News and weather. Scotland: 12.57pm-1.00 The Scotlish News: 5.25-5.58 First Class. 6.30-6.55 Reporting Scotland. 12.10am-12.15 News and weather. Northern Ireland: 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland News. 5.25-5.58 5.58 Up Front, 12.10am-12.15 News and weather. England: 6.30pm-6.55 Regional news magazines.

S4C Starts: 1.00pm Countdown. 1.30
Alice. 2.00 Ffalabalam. 2.15
Interval. 3.00 Frime of Miss Jean Brodle.
4.00 A Plus 4.430 Lubo's World. 4.45
Ffalabalam. 4.55 Hanner Awr Fawr. 5.30
Danger Man. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30
Dibendraw. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30
Owain Yn Arwain. 8.00 Resio. 8.30 Y
Byd Ar Bedwar. 9.00 Film: Two Worlds
of Jerniy Logan. 10.45 Diverse Reports.
11.15 Notts Wornen Strike Back. 11.45
Then and Now. 12.40am Glosedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 11,00am-12,00 Sesame Street, 12,30pm-1,00 Benson, 1,20 News, 1,30 Protectors, 2,00-2,30 That's My Dog, 4,45-5,15 Razzmatazz, 6,00-8,35 News, 11,40 Darts, 12,25am

HTV WALES AS HTV West except

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing, Weather. 6.10 5.00 News Briefing; Weather. 5.10 Farming Today from the Royal Smithfield Show, London. 6.25 Prayer for the day, Including 6.30, Today, Including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News surmary. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.06 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News.

8.45 Analysis, Mary Goldring on privatization.
9.30 A Talent to Amuse. A lighthearted look at ille and music of Noel Coward. (12) Noel on Relative Vatures.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine. Includes comment on Der Roseritansilier at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: "Mr Facey Romford's Hounds' by R. S. Surtees (8), 10.29 Weather.
10.30 The World Tonight, including 11.00 News Headlines.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Partiament. 12.00-12.15 News: "Weather. 12.33 Shipping. VHF (available in England & S. Wales only). Radio 4 vht is as

Wales only). Radio 4 vtrl is as above except: 5.00-6.30 Live coverage of House of Commons toreign affairs committee hearing of Sir John Kott's evidence on the Selgrano sinking. 11,00-12,00 For Schools: 11,00 Religious Education 11,20 Web of Language 11,40 Listening to Music (1) 1,55-3,00pm For Schools. 5,50-5,55 PM

(continued) 11.00-11.30 Study on

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, 7.00 News.
7.05 Your Michweek Choice:
Schubert's Gelagart unter'm
helten Dach, D 326
(Ameling/Ahnsjo); Jan Antonin
Kozeluh's Bassoon Concerto in
C (Herman, soloist); Stravinsky's
Divertimento: Le baiser de la fès.f 8.00 News.

8.05 Midweek Choice (contd): Liszt's Symphonic Poem Les pretudes; arr Canteloube: Bailero (Songs of Auvergne), sung by Kirl Te Kanawa; Copland's (arr

CHANNEL As London except
11.00am Island Wildife.
11.50-12.00 Flying Light, 12.00pm-1.00
Three Little Words, 1.20-1.30 News,
4.45 Razzmatez, 5.15-5.45 Pruitts of
Southampton, 5.00 Charmel Report,
6.30 Crossroads, 6.55-7.00 Dick Tracy,
9.00-9.10 Eastbourne Singers, 11.4012.05am Closedown

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Flying Light. 12.30pm-1.00 Three Little Words. 1.20-1.30 News. 4.45
Razzmatazz. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 5.30-7.00 Crossroads. 11.40
Portrait of a Legend. 12.05am
Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 11,00em-12.00 Sesame Street: 1.20 News, 1.32 That's My Dog, 2.02-2.30 Afternoon Club: 3.00 Afternoon Club: 3.27-4.00 Take the High Road: 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters: 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 11,40 Vietnam Regulem: 12,40em

ANGLIA As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Sesame Street. 12.30pm-1.00 Three Little Words. 1.20-1.30 News. 4.45-5.15 Razzmatazz. 6.00-6.35 About Anglis. 11.40 Jazz. 12.40am Big Question, Cosadows.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

CENTRAL As London except:
11.00am-12.00 World of
James Michener. 12.30pm-1.00 That's
Hollywood. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.36
Shilling Tales. 4.45-5.15 Razzmatazz.
5.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 11.40
Kotchak: Night Stalker. 12.40am
Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except
11.00xm-12.00
Sesame Street. 12.30pm-1.00 Thet's
Hollywood. 1.20 News. 1.30 Job Spot.
1.35 Film: 36 Hours. *3.00 Survival. 3.304.00 Crazy World of Sport. 4.45-5.15
Razzmetzz. 5.00-8.35 News and
Scotland Today. 11.40 Darts. 12.25am
Late Call, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 11,00 em-12,00 Russian Dance Festival. 12,30 pm-1,00 One Woman. 1,20 News. 1,30-2,30 Falcon Crest. 4.45-5.15 Razzmatazz. 8,00-6,35 Calendar. 11,40 Darts. 12,25 pm Clocations.

TYNE TEES As London except: 11,00 am-12,00 Sesame Street. 1.20 pm News. 14.25-1.30 Where the Jobs are. 4.45-5.15 Razzmázz. 5.00 News. 5.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7,00 Northern Life. 11.40 Shelley. 12.10 Greatest Book.

Carter

11.00 Soprano and plano recitat: Sheda Amistrong and Roger Vignoles. Britten is Cabaret Songa; Schumann's Frauentiebe und Leben, Op 42; and Haydn songs Including My mother bids me bind my hair.? 11.57 News. Undi 12.00.

Radio 2

On medium wave, I also VHF stereo.
News on the hour (except 9,00 pm).
Heedlines 5,30 am, 8,30, 7,30 am 8,30,
4,00am Coln Berry! including 5,02
Cricket, 5,30 Ray Mooret including 6,02
Cricket, 5,30 Ray Mooret including 6,02
Cricket, 7,30 Terry Wogant including
8,31 Racing, 8,02 Cricket Desk, 19,02
Jimmy Youngt including 10,02, 11,02
Cricket, 12,00pm Steve Jonest including
12,02 Cricket, 1,05 Sports Desk, 2,00
Gloriz Humitionth including 2,02, 3,02
Sports Desk, 3,30 Music At The Way!
4,00 David Hamitionth including 4,02,
5,05 Sports Desk, 6,00 John Duran'
including 6,02 Sports Desk, 8,46 Sport
and Classified Results (MF only), 8,00
The Spinners and Frences, Spoctal guest
is Dana, 8,30 Robert Mandel with
Romantic Strings, 9,15 Listen To The
Band, With Charille Chester, 9,55 Sports
Desk, 10,00 The Golden Years
Presented by Alan Keith 10,30 Hubert
Gregg says Thanks for the Memory
11,00 Brain Matthew presents Round
Midnight (stereo from midnight), 1,00am
Nightinde, 1,3,00 Broadway Babes, (14)
Barbara Cook and Tammy Grimes.*
3,30-4,00 Vermon and Marverta Midiev * Barbara Cook and Tammy Grimes.* 3.30-4.90 Vernon and Maryetta Mickey

Radio 1

On medium wave f also VHF steree.
News on the half hour from 8.30 am until
9.30 pm and at 12 midmight. 6.00 Adman
John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simen
Bales. 12.00 Gery Davies including
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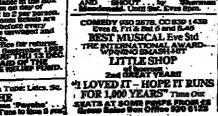
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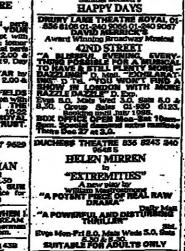
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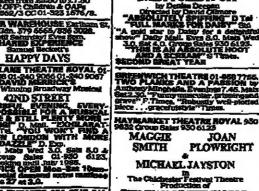
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The spectacular debut of British Telecom shares on the stock market has caused a new and unexpected worry for the Government. The record-breaking flotation could be so successful that it defeats the object of wider share owner-

The Government's merchant bank adviser and Whitehall officials are worried that the unexpectedly high price at which Telecom shares have started trading will encourage their original plans and take the quick profit.

Exhaustive market research surveys which the Government had commissioned over the last few weeks all indicated that a large proportion of the two million individual Telecom investors intended to keep them as a long-term investment.

Telecom shares closed 2p down at 91p on their second day of trading yesterday, but are still changing hands at 41p, or 82 per cent, above the 50p partly-paid issue price.

Bankers and officials involved in the share sale privately believe there be more than I million Telecom shareholders in a year's time, despite the fact that the telephone voucher and share bonus incentives benefit only long-term shareholders.

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Accounts Committee of the

House of Commons is expected to examine the Telecom flotation in the light of the inevitable accusations that the shares were badly underpriced. Kleinwort Benson, the mer-

chant bank handling the issue. said the opening price reflected the fact that many City investment institutions have been trying to "top up" their holdings in a market with not enough sellers. It did not follow that the whole issue of 3 billion shares could have been sold at today's stock market price, the bank argued.

There was no attempt by government ministers officials to pretend that they wished the opening share price had not been lower, but they are expected to argue that the issue as a whole has been a

The Government is considering whether to prosecute groups of professional investors who tried to circumvent the "one person, one application" rule in the Telecom Issue.

Fears of |Scargill makes heartland cash plea

Harried by a succession of legal actions, threatened with the imminent seizure of union funds and still debating the effectiveness of the return to work, Mr Arthur Scargill went back to the heartland of the coal strike yesterday to prepare for a winter of continued defiance.

The National Union of Mineworkers' president chose the occasion of a meeting in the redbrick miners' welfare hall in the South Yorkshire pit village of Goldthorpe to launch an impassioned appeal for money to carry on the dispute, despite the High Court appointment of a receiver which endangers the day-to-day operations of union headquarters. "This union must survive

and that means practical and financial assistance from the TUC", Mr Scargill said. It means monney to help our organization to function and exist, it means that from all the world over we have to demand more and more from our brothers and sisters."

The meeting was Mr Scar-gill's first appearance in the coalfields since a specail delegate conference decided to snub legal moves threatening the very future of the union by refusing to purge its contempt, pay a £200,000 fine or allow any of its officials to help sequestrators or receivers

If there had been any doubts about the response to the continuation of the nine-month strike, they vanished in the thunderous reception that Mr Scargill received. Indeed, it appeared that it rejuvenated him. His speech started quietly, almost matter-of-fact, but he ended bristling with confidence and ebullience.

Mr Scargill's mood, and the evident commitment of his audience, would have depressed the National Coal Board and the Government, still pinning their hopes for an end to the dispute on a collapse of support from within the union.

The village of Goldthorpe lies on the main Doncaster-Barnsley road, in the heartland of the Yorkshire coalfield. It has witnessed scenes of violence in the dispute but the miners in the immediate area remain solidly behind the union.

Only two men are working at the village's colliery and at the three others near by, Hickleton, Barnburgh and Dearne Valley, not one man passed the picket lines yesterday. it remains Mr Scargill's

heartland and his reception yesterday, despite the hardship that the strike has brought to mining families, provided proof that support for him personally and for the union's position were as strong as ever.



Mr Scargill leaving the Goldthorpe meeting. (Photograph: Neville Pyne).

He told the audience what they wanted to hear. With every prospect of a grim Christmas and a miserable winter ahead, he assured them that they were winning and outlined the next

phase of the dispute.
"The NUM has been to the TUC general secretary and his colleagues and said that the time for mealy-mouthed resolutions in unions and organizations is now at an end. The time for inactivity must come to a stop, the time when this movement must react is now.

Joke about the Receiver

"I am not asking for moral support or resolutions. We are asking for practical assistance and we have asked the General Council to be convened to mobilize industrial action in support of this union.

Mr Scargili was answered with a burst of applause, footstamping and cheers. The fight, he said, was for the pit communities and jobs, and for the miners' children. He tried to turn the appoint-

ment as Receiver of Mr Herbert Brewer, the Derbyshire solicitor and local Conservative Party official into a joke, saying that he had used the union computer that morning to check some figures on Mr Ian Macgregor and had not asked the Receiver's permission.

The joke masked very real concern within the union about the effect on its day-to-day operations when Mr Brewer takes control of funds

Mr Scarpill was on his feet for 42 minutes and at the end he sent his audience home with a message based on the "Here we go" chant that has almost become his personal theme song during the strike:

"You are not saying: "Here we go." You are saying: 'Here we are.' We have found ourselves, and with that spirit, they can put a receiver in, they can put sequestrators in, they can smear us and attack us, but there is one thing for certain: that we stand firmly provided together, this union is on its way to the greatest victory in

Miners ask TUC to back strikes

Continued from page 1 bearer bonds, is estimated to be

Mr Brewer will also now prepares for a court hearing in Dublin, to achieve the release of £2.78 million temporarily fro-zen in an Irish bank account. The right of the sequestrators both to freeze the funds and to seek to have then transferred to Britain is to be contested in court there on Tuesday.

earning £1,250 interest a day.

Meanwhile the costs of the plethora of legal actions mounts at an estimated average rate of some £1,000 every day.

Rulings as to costs, in all the actions to date, have been reserved, but will eventually devolve to the union.

At the very least, they are expected easily to double the £200,000 fine the union owes,

Two killed as train runs into tanker

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killed this year, compared with two last year, none in 1982, four in 1981 and none in 1980. The passenger train was moving at about 60 mph when it hit the rear of the oil tanker

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train of 15 wagons, travelling from the Stanlow oil refinery in Merseyside bound for Leeds. Mrs Margaret Sterling, aged 54, of Maghill, Merseyside, who was on the train with her sister and their daughters, said: "We are lucky to be alive".

Mrs Kay Brady, her sister, said: "There were screams and panic broke out in seconds. I was on the floor with my daughter trying to get me up. Our coach was surtounded by flames. It was orange inside which was reflection.

Mrs Valerie Sturgeon, aged 40, of Walton, Liverpool, said there were panic and screams after the collision. "I saw a huge ball of fire shoot into the air and thick black smoke came towards as."
Drivers on the motorway

dodged burning debris shower-ing down from the collision, causing several crashes. Mr Percy Anchor, a pen-

sioner whose home faces the crash, said: "The front four coaches were a mass of fla People were jumping out and running for cover." A nursing sister living near by crawled under the train to rescue a small boy. Miss Christine Grimshaw, aged 29,

spent two hours tending to the injured before going on duty at Hope Hospital, Salford, where more casualties were taken. Mrs Brenda James aged 34, said: There was stuff dripping everywhere and thick black amoke, but she never gave it a second thought. She was marvellous."

Mr Richard Hope, editor of Railway Gazette International, described the rash of accidents. particularly since May, as the worst since 1947.

Since May there have been at least six incidents which could have led to passenger deaths. Three did. The series of crashes in 1947 was widely ascribed to low staff

railways in the aftermath of the Mr Hope said that BR appeared to have suffered "just run of bad lack."

morale and the run-down of the

The two dead were named last night: Mr Edward Croxford, aged 36, of Mab Lane, Liverpool, who joined British Rall in 1965, and Mr Sawmel Konnedy and 71 of Samuel Kennedy, aged 71, of Kindale Avenue, Moston, Avenue,

Letter from Dublin

Summitry finds a new villain

public. For five years there has been no universally-reconsnized hero, but the role of villain, who almost brings down the EEC house, has always been played mumphantly by the same person.

Booed and hissed by the press of nine (and sometimes 10) Nations each time she took her natural place on centre stage. Mrs Margaret Thatcher never confounded her critics. With not a hair out of place, she made her fellow players tear what was left of theirs, as she imperturbably repeated her infamous line (which must surely be included in the next Oxford Dictionary of Quotations):
"We want our money back."

Mrs Thatcher first mouthed those Euro-heretic words in Dublin in 1979. She has repeated them, with dramatic variations, in every capital of the community. Her return appearance at Dublin in Castle was therefore preceded by anticipatory reviews of the seemingly inevitable destruc-tive performance to come.

In Dublin, moreover, she was being given big billing for her role in the great Anglofrish summit row. Her very presence in the castle where King John the Bad established the hated English administration of Ireland, was seen as gratuitously offensive in its own right.

Her descent to the castle by helicopter, while lesser politicians had to be content with mere Mercedes, took on all the flavour of the arrival of the witch in the Land of Oz. Behind the grins stitched on the faces posing for the ritual EEC family portrait was a tautness, a bracing to prepare for the wrath to come.

And it never came. On the stage where she scored her initial triumph, Mrs Thatcher flopped in her role as villian. They talked of the economy. and Mrs Thatcher smiled sweetly and said she agreed with nearly every word.

They talked of wine, and Mrs Thatcher said little although she reportedly showed a line appreciation for the splendid French vintages served over dinner. They talked of famine, and Mrs Thatcher was able to boast that Britain was among the

Every Euro-summit is a most generous. One aide was drama, which needs a hero or a villain to succeed with the tastelessly: "This is not a tastelessly: This is not a beauty contest, but if it were the UK would be set fair to become Miss World."

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They talked of the future of Europe, and Mrs Thatcher was all for it. She would not go so far as to say that there was a need for changing the treaties. But she dedicated herself to work wholeheartedly for making the existing treaties work properly.

There was a minor flash of her old destructive brilliance when the HoGs discussed IMPs. The HoGs [Heads of Government] have put off discussing IMPs (Integrated Mediterranean Programmes) for as long as Greece has been a Community member, to the mounting frustration of Mr. Andreas Papandreon.

The Commission wants about £4,000 million to be spent on helping the poorer Mediteranean region over five-years. Since that is money the Community does not have, Mrs Thatcher was in favour only of what became known over dinner as SHRIMPs (Substantially reduced IMPs). With the backing of the council legal services, she made her point.

But with Mrs Thatcher largely relegated to the wings of argument, the bunt was on for a new villain. Was it Mr Papandreou, threatening to snart the works unless IMPs

The Greek Prime Minister seemed to set about the task with a relish. He set about holding the Community to Just as Dr Garret Fitz-

Gerald was hoping to bring the summit to a triumphant conclusion. Mr Papandreou attacked. There would be no agreement on anything, he said, until Greece got its money. That was the £1,500 million of IMP money that he reckons Greece has been promised under the scheme.

He left the room to leave the others to stew, he made Mrs Thatcher's helicopter wait on the field outside. It was clear that if Mrs Thatcher were not going to ask for her money, he felt the line was too good not to be repeated. Perhaps it is something in the Dublin air. In all events, the Summit found a new villain,

Ian Murray

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements The Queen attends the premien of the film A Christmas Carol at the

Odeon, Leicester Square, 8, The Duke of Edinburgh presents the prizes of the English Speaking L'mon's English language compe tition 1984 and chairs the meeting. Buckingham Palace. 3; and later attends the Tiger Club prizegiving and supper. Royal Aeronautical Society, 4 Hamilton Place, W1, 7.15

Queen Elizabeth the Queen

ACROSS

I Contemptible type of bargain at

the rink (5.5).

6 Horace's Sabine place on distant

mountain-top (4).

10 A small volume I found in a

little woman's possession "Whence Napoleon," (7).

11 Literary (sauc no single main movement rejected (7).

12 Happy to be one of this beauty queen's associates (4.5).

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14 Describing old order - or one in

15 Deacon worried by empty talk -

17 Dormitory feast that covers the

20 Fine weather forecast by Joison's boy, we hear (5).

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25 Illegitimate form of history (7).
 26 General has meek heart - one

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Essex. 11; and later, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, attends a performance of Starlight Express at the Appollo, Victoria, 7.35.

Princess Anne attends the Royal Blind Asylum and School's concert, Usher Hall, Edinburgh, 3.30.

Princess Margaret, President of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, attends a party at St James's Palace for members of the Young League, 5.10; and later, as Grand President

3 Scottish town press supporting choice of serial publication (8,6).

Monarch accepting the present

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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,603

Mother visits the Royal Smithfield of St John Ambulance Association and Brigade, attends the St John The Prince of Wales visits 19 Inlantry Brigade at Colchester, The Duchess of Kent visits the The Duchess of Kent visits the Yehudi Menuhin School, Stoke D'Abernon, Sucrey, 11. New exhibitions

Paintings by Helen Pollock; MacLaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park Ayr, Mon to Sat 11 to 5; (ends Dec 21).

Dec 21).

Light on landscape by John
Russell: Impressions Gallery of
Photography. 17 Colliergate, York;
Tues to Sat 10-6; (ends Jan 12).

Scotland's photography: Our
Heritage; Scottish National Portrait
Gallery, Queen St. Edinburgh; Mon
to Sat 10 to 5; Sun 2 to 5; (ends May
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Small paintings by young Scottish artists: Traverse Theatre, 112 West Bow, Grassmarket, Edinburgh; Tues to Sat 10 to 10, Sun 12 to 10; (ends

Sale of work by artists and craftsmen working in Orkney, Pier Arts Centre, Victoria St, Strømness; Tues to Sat 10.30 to 12.30 and 1.30 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; (ends Dec 24). Exhibitions in progress

Watercolours of Ayr by TS Bell; MacLaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Ayr; Mon to Sat 11 to 5 (ends Dec 10). lliustrations of Antiquity: paint-ings and drawings of ancient sites and antiquities; Randolph Callery, Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont St,

Oxford. Tues to Sat 10 to 4, Sun 2 to 4: (ends Jan 31). Last chance to see Platinum and silver prints by Pradip Malde: Collins Gallery, 22 Richmond St. Glasgow, Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 12 to 4 (ends Dec 5).

Recent prints by Peacock Print-makers; and Castlegate Develop-ments; Artspace. 21 Castle St, Aberdenn, 10 to 5.30.

Talks, lectures Is There a Future for the Family?, by Dr Musad Hoghughi; Dmham

by Dr Musad Hoghughi; Durham University, 5.15
Extension of Landscape (2), by Hugh Adams; John Hansard Gallery, Southampton University, 8. Contemporary Jewelry, by David Chertham; Lang Art Gallery, Higham Place, Newcastle upon Tyne, 12.30.

Musical Suggest: Gulbenkian Musical Squares; Gulbenkian Theatre, Kent University, Canter-bury, 10.30 and 2.30; (and [wortomor

Concert by the London Bach Orchestra; Festival Hall, Peters-18 Pip's girl was unusually tall, see Unsaleable market item to Concert by the Philharmonia Orchestra; St David's Hall, Cardiff, acquire as a floor-covering (7).

22 This barrister unqualified to speak? (5). 24 Soak - with prices so exorbitant? Concert by the Bournemouth

Music

Sinfonietta: Pavilion Theatre, Weymouth, 7.30. Recital by the Six in Harmony and Andrew Clark (piano); Museum and Art Gallery, Chequer Rd, Organ recital by Malcolm Archer;

Bristol Cathedral, 7.30.
Concert by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra; Royal Hall Nottingham, 7.30.
Concert by the London Baroque and Conrad Steinmann; Dillington House College, Ilminster, S. General

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

Nero, by Mirlam Griffin. (Batsford, £17.95).

Noel Streatfield, a biography by Angela Bull. (Collins, £8.95).

One Hundred Years of Journalism, Social Aspects of the Press, edited by Cyril Bainbridge. (Macmillan, £22.50, paperback £8.95).

Sti Lanka, Island of Terror, An Indictment by E.M. Thornton and R. Niththyanershan (Eelam Research, 179 Norvel Rd, North Wembly, HAO 35X. £2.95).

Stronghold, A. History of Military Architecture, by Martin H. Enfos. (Batisford, £12.50).

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Fordoun, Kincardinshire.
Information supplied by the AA.

Zoo tickets

tickets as Christmas presents. At £20 for Regent's Park or £15 for de, the tickets can be used on any day of the week for a year by two named holders aged 16, or by either holder plus another adult or two children under 16. (Children under five are free). Further details from London Zoo, Regent's Park, London NW1 4 RY, Tel: 01-722/3333; Whipsnade Park Zoo, Dunstable, Beds, LU6 2LF, Tel: 0522-2373 0582-872171.

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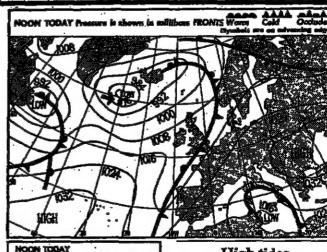
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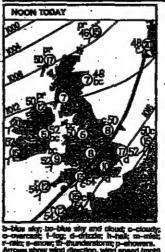


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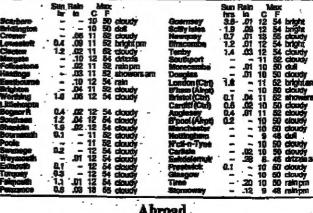
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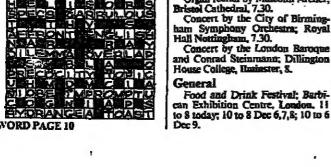
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New books - hardback

The Crastonilla of Blankeim, by David Grean (Constable, £12.95).

The English Artstocracy, a Comparative Synthests, by M i. Bush. (Menchestel University, £17.50).

The New Atlas of the Universe, by Patrick Moore. (Mitchell Beazley, £18.95).

The Yillas of Tuscany, by Harold Acton, photographs by Alexander Zielcke. (Thames & Hudson, £20).

Thester Royal, One Hundred Years of Stratford East, by Michael Coren. (Cusriet, £12.95).

Roads

The Midlands: M5: Lane clos the Birmingham Exhibition stretch. A423: Roadworks at Southam causing serious delays for next two weeks. A5: Contrailow SE of Tamworth at M42 junction; delays. Wales and West A394: Roadworks between Penryn and Helston from Herniss to Rame. A40: Contrailow between the Over roundabout and Westgage gyratory system, Gioucester, diversions siened.

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refrects considered in the industry's future as a free enterprise not a state monopoly. Everyone had a chance to invest. Why on earth should not those who did buy be rewarded for Parliament today

nons (2.30): Debate on Government's intention to sign traft-agreement on future of Hong Kong. Lords (2.30): Debate on the Civil

Anniversaries

Births: Martin van Buren, 8th president of the USA 1837-41, Kinderhook, New York, 1782; Christins Rossetti, poet, London, 1830; Józef Filsmáski, head of state, Poland, 1918-22, prime ministe 1926-28, 1930, Zulów, 1867. Deaths: Welfgang : Amadeus Mozart, Vienna, 1791; Alexandre Dunas pere Pays, France, 1870; Claude Monet, Giverny, France, 1926; Vachel Lindsay, poet, Spring-field, Illinois, 1931.

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